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Lees alles oor die nuwe afbakening op bladsy 5

Die A-perk van Wingate Park Country Club, Pretoria, waar die finale wedstryde van die Senior Interdistrikte gespeel is. Die klub beskik oor vyf netjiese perke

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS ... our BOLAND SQUAD of 2014

Al Cannone

Looting and pillaging by the Vikings of old; treasures plundered by Spanish conquistadors; rapacious self-enrichment by those who govern us today? No, these have not a patch on our very own Boland Squad who returned from the Perfect Delivery BSA Inter Districts Tournaments with chests of gold. Well, alright - with gold on their chests - and this by dint of solid teamwork, skills aplenty, unsurpassed motivation and determination to prevail over all who confronted them. So, who are these modern gladiators of ours who, undeterred by the best in the country and - albeit not a life or death struggle but driven nevertheless by an unswerving desire for victory - went on to make every member of Boland Bowls so hugely proud of their District?

The Open Men's A side, with Chris de Jager as Manager, comprised Stoffel Lambrechts (Skip), Leon Beer, Stephan de



The victorious Open Men's side, seen here with a representative of the sponsor, Perfect Delivery. Back: Stephan de Jager, Leon Beer, Stoffel Lambrechts, M P Olivier and David Pillay. Front: Bräsler van Schoor, Callie van der Merwe, Mark Beviss-Challinor and Manager Chris de Jager

Jager and MP Olivier. Also, Mark Beviss-Challinor (Skip), Carel van der Merwe, Bräsler van

Schoor and David Pillay. They achieved first place in their section and, because the final

was rained out, shared gold with Johannesburg Bowls Association, the winners of the other section.

The Open Women's B side, with Dorothy Boucher as Manager, comprised Bridget Heydenrych (Skip), Zelda Marais, Gail Lotz and Hanneljie du Toit. Also, Charmaine Grobler (Skip), Thelma Elkington, Ilze Rabie and Kim Breach. They achieved first place in their section and, in beating the other section winners in the final, were awarded gold.

Our Senior Women, with player Tish Bryce as Manager, were also into the medals, with a very creditable bronze overall. They were: Tish Bryce (Skip), Francina Cumpsty, Aléa Saayman, and Sandra Helmbold. Also, Dalene Reid (Skip), Denny Smithers, Lucy McNamara and Avril Darlew.

The remaining sides also acquitted themselves well. The Senior Men, Open Ladies and Open Men B came in third, fourth
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Unprecedented performance at Inter Districts



The Open Women's B Side : Charmaine Grobler, Thelma Elkington, Ilze Rabie, Kim Breach, Manager Dorothy Boucher, Bridget Heydenrych, Zelda Marais, Gail Lotz and Hannatjie du Toit

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and fifth in their sections respectively. **(The Senior Men beat them by a massive 32, but needed only one more shot against Northern Free State to replace them as Bronze winners! - Ed.)** Overall, our Boland squad performed better by far than any other district in the country. WOW!! (acronym for "Walking On Water"?).

All of the above would have had the whole of Boland swelling with justifiable pride by mid-March. But wait – there is more – much, much more! The first week of April saw the Under-25 Warwick sponsored Tournament at Margate. With twelve Under-25 teams of Men and only four of Ladies entered, it was decided beforehand to form just two sections of 8 teams each, with two Ladies teams in each section. The chauvinistic sexism among us would have been tempted to believe that "die arme jong dames het geen kans nie". Nothing could be further from the truth! In the words of their Manager, Henry Fourie: "Dus was dit vir ons goeie nuus. . . Dit was die ideaal vir die dames om te kan bewys dat hulle wel (teen) die manlike geslag kan kompeteer en wen". And win they did – in overwhelming manner – not losing ANY of their games, the only team of either gender to achieve this. This achievement is highlighted by the fact that their opponents in the final achieved only one win of their seven games played!

Who are these young Amazons that have raised our Boland colours up the highest of figurative flagpoles? We salute Anneke Snyman (Skip), Ezile Fourie, Monique Payne and Marette Villiers. To top this achievement, Anneke was crowned Player of the Tournament.

Now for the Under-25 Men. Dare I suggest that it was good fortune to have our two Under-25 teams in different sections – if only because there were only two golds to be won? Yes, you have guessed correctly. Our Under-25 Men's team lifted the only other Gold on offer – giving Boland "a clean sweep" of the tournament.

Including Manager Schalk Mouton, this team comprised Stephan de Jager(s), Darius van Loggerenberg, Stefan van Wyk and Wesley Taylor. Has anyone noticed that Stephan helped the Open A Men to take their gold? One Boland player : two Golds in the same year in the Inter Districts. Has this been done before?

I feel compelled to ask a simple question: Can there be anyone in Boland Bowls who, after assimilating the above, still questions the validity of our clubs paying over to our District and to BSA the relative pittance that



The Senior Women proudly displaying their bronze medals: Sandra Helmbold, Aléta Saayman, Francina Cumpsty, Tish Bryce, Avril Darlew, Lucy McNamara, Denny Smithies and Dalene Reid

comprises the annual fee for individual affiliation? It is these two upper echelons in the organisation of our Sporting Code that are jointly responsible for the

competitive opportunities on offer to our District achievers - a recipe for that warm, fuzzy feeling of shared pride we all surely feel today.



The Boland Under-25 teams seen here with Boland Past President, Tys Pringle: Ezile Fourie, Anneke Snyman, Team Manager Henry Fourie, Monique Payne, Marette de Villiers, Darius van Loggerenberg, Stephan de Jager, Stefan van Wyk, Wesley Taylor and Team Manager Schalk Mouton (See also report on page 3)

Tys en Marthie Pringle

Trots Boland

**Henry Fourie, Spanbestuurder
Onder-25 Dames**

Die twee Boland Onder-25 spanne het vanjaar as die gaste van die Kingfisher Distrik in die omgewing van Margate aan die Warwick Onder-25 Interdistrikte Toernooi deelgeneem.

Die opening van die toernooi het die oggend 1 April 2014 plaasgevind. Groot was ons Bolandgroep se verbasing om Oom Tys Pringle in sy SA Rolbalklere as Rolbal SA se verteenwoordiger daar raak te loop. Oom Tys en sy vrou, Marthie het ons groep onmiddellik kom groet en sterkte toegewens vir die toernooi.

Oom Tys is 'n gewese Boland President en 'n oud-president en erelid van Swellendam Rolbalkklub, waar sommige van ons spelers lede is.

Hulle het albei ons eerste wedstryd bygewoon en ons ondersteun. Maar ons was stom van verbasing toe oom Tys na middagete by die klub opdaag. Hy het intussen sy Bowls SA-klere vervang met sy Boland klere. Sy verduideliking aan ons was dat, alhoewel hy nou aan die Natalse Suidkus woon, hy nog steeds 'n trotste Boland ondersteuner bly. Beide Oom Tys en Tannie Marthie het ons die Dinsdag en Woensdag heeldag, bal vir bal, ondersteun, nog steeds in sy Boland klere. Die jongmense het sommer opgewonde geraak wanneer die twee

hul sitplekke vir die wedstryde ingeneem het.

Ongelukkig het hulle ingeskryf vir 'n toernooi vir die Donderdag en Vrydag, maar Oom Tys het gevra dat ek hom ingelig hou. Donderdagmiddag se wedstryd was nog skaars halfpad, toe Oom Tys en Tannie Marthie weer by die klub opdaag. Hulle kon nie huis toe gaan nie: hulle wou bitter graag by die Boland groep wees om hulle te ondersteun. Op daardie oomblik het dit ons spanne ekstra gemotiveer en mens kon dit in ons spelers se hele gesindheid sien.

Die Vrydag het ons vermoed dat ons nie weer vir Oom Tys en Tannie Marthie sou sien nie aangesien die finaal vroeër gespeel sou word. Maar nee, hulle was weer daar toe dit saak maak. Weer eens het hulle dadelik hul toernooi verlaat om sou gou as moontlik by Margate Rolbalkklub uit te kom om ons te ondersteun en het hul teenwoordigheid gehelp om die die jong mense se spel te lig.

Die eindresultaat: 2 Goue medaljes!

Hierdie twee wonderlike mense se passie vir Boland Rolbal is iets ongelooflik om te aanskou. Wat hulle met hul goeie gesindheid en ondersteuning vir ons as groep beteken het, sal ons almal nog baie lank bybly.

Dankie, Oom Tys en dankie Tannie Marthie. Julle is ware ambassadeurs vir Boland Rolbal!

"Swinging in the rain"

Riaan Pienaar

The coaches will tell you that you should "stroke" the bowl when you deliver it. A bowl should never be thrown. But what do you do in pouring rain when the green runs at no more than 9 seconds? You swing it, which is a mixture of a stroke and a throw. Maybe. Sometimes. If you get it right.

It rained all week in Pretoria where the Senior Inter Districts Tournament took place and here are a few pictures to give you an indication of the conditions.



Here Ian Rice is swinging it. Do you see the water feather behind the bowl?



No, it's not a Chinese Mafia Don - only Martin in the rain

YOU CAN WIN - JUST BE THE BEST YOU CAN

**Dorothy Boucher, Manager
Open B Women's Side**

Our motto for the week of the Inter Districts Tournament: **"When you look for good in others, you discover the good in yourselves".**

"BE THE BEST YOU CAN".

It was such a privilege to accompany this team to the Inter-Districts in East London. This was a well-disciplined and motivated side and I knew that

they were two strong and capable teams who were going to deliver and **"BE THE BEST THEY CAN"**.

They most certainly did just that!

My aim was a 50% improvement on last year's results but these girls had spirit and were determined to win Gold.

I congratulate each player on their outstanding performance

during the whole week. Without their faith, motivation and dedication this would not have been possible to achieve.

They certainly made my task an easy one. I have always wanted to accompany the B-side to an inter districts and was honoured when asked to do so, with East London being such a special venue because Charmaine and I had won Silver there in 2005!

I thank and congratulate the two skips, Bridget and Charmaine, who really supported and kept their teams together. Well done girls!

Marina, with her selectors, most certainly had a very difficult task to select a winning team. The hard work and effort to do the TID's most certainly contributed to Boland's great success.

Thank you for each phone call and sms.

WELL DONE, BOLAND!

PRESIDENT SE BOODSKAP / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOLAND! Wat 'n Rolbalprovinsie om op trots te wees!

Ek en Arnout (my man) het einde Januarie 2014 die langpad na George gevat om die provinsiale spelers te gaan ondersteun. Die trots wat daardie naweek uit die spelers gestraal het, het nie ongesiens verbygegaan nie.

My boodskap wat ek in hierdie *Raakskoot* wil uitdra, is een van sukses, entoesiasme en trots.

Ek wil begin by die sukses wat Boland behaal het. Geen sukses kan sonder toewyding, harde oefening, ondersteuning en geloof behaal word nie. Ek bedank persoonlik elke afrigter, spanbestuurder en speler vir die sukses. In die vorige *Raakskoot* het ek die wenresep "sukses" van Johan Smit weergegee.

Boland se trotse spanne en spanbestuurders het met oorgawe aan hierdie wenresep gewerk en sukses behaal.

Baie geluk aan almal wat met medaljes teruggekom het en ook aan die spanne sonder medaljes wat beter resultate as in die

verlede behaal het.

Ek wens individueel die volgende spanne geluk:

- Senior Dames met 'n Brons medalje;
- Ope Mans met hul Goud;
- Ope B Dames met hul Goud;
- Onder-25 Jonge Dames met hul Goud;
- Onder-25 Jonge Mans met hul Goud.

En laaste, maar nie die minste nie, Anneke met haar prestasie as die uitstaande rolbalspeler tydens die Onder-25- toernooi.

Hierdie spelers het die geheim van sukses – entoesiasme – in hul harte styf gekoester en resultate gekry. Entoesiasme het sterre in hul oë gesit en veerkrag in hul tred. Hul geesdrif is die dinamiek agter alle vooruitgang. Julle is 'n voorbeeld vir alle ander rolbalspelers in die Boland.

2014 was vir Boland 'n jaar met baie uitdagings, veranderings en trots. Die rolbaljaar loop ten einde en ek wens almal wat meer as 100% vir hul sport insit, geluk en



**Almarie du Toit, President van
Boland Rolbal**

sê dankie vir al julle insette. Hierdie wens is ten opsigte van elke klub, speler, administrateur, bestuur, spanbestuurder en ook Raakskootskrywer. Ek dank Martin van Zyl en Theuns Coetzee wat Boland verteenwoordig op die Wes-Kaapse rolbalbestuur.

Boland se Bestuur het die afgelope jaar onder baie druk gefunksioneer, maar positief gebly.

"SURPRISE PACKAGE"

Kim Breach

As quoted in the East London Daily Dispatch, "*Eastern Province had finished top of the Blue Section in the women's division setting up the final against the surprise package Boland team who had just pipped Gauteng North to the top of their group . . .*"

I would imagine that we were a surprise package to more than just the East London Daily Dispatch, considering we were second last in 2013.

As we headed off to East London during the weekend of 8 March we were a very different squad to last year. With three new 'caps' in the squad, Bridget, Zelda and Hannatjie, then Charmaine playing Skip for the first time; Gail and I separated after playing front rank for two years; Thelma being recalled; Ilze in a completely new team; and a new manager to round it all off, it was hard to imagine how it would all work out.

The one thing I did know, however, was that this year just felt right. Dorothy was adamant that we would all cook and eat together, splitting us up into three groups to do cooking duty. This was an inspired decision and made sure that we were together each evening to reminisce on the day's play, tell a joke or two and debate a whole variety of issues, mostly bowls related.

Each morning we would gather around just before we left our accommodation and Dorothy gave a brief talk and then Gail said

a prayer for us all. Whatever anyone's religious convictions, it didn't matter. It was about the moment, one so powerful in bringing us all together, standing proudly in our Boland colours getting ready for the day ahead.

I don't want to give a blow by blow account of the week's play as I think our results did that, but rather to say that when it really mattered, every single person in the squad played their part. Charmaine had mentioned that the most important thing was for us to get the bonus point every session, and this we did eight out of nine times, which really gave us a boost.

I think the thing that set us apart from other years and other teams in this year's tournament was our team spirit. We worked hard as a squad of eight and it was never two teams of four players. The spirit never faltered for a minute and I don't think I have ever played with such a committed and focused group of players as this year's Women's B Side.

Prior to playing our last group game Charmaine said that if we do win and go through to the final, it was imperative that we maintained our composure and did not lose the focus we had had all week. We all took note of this and despite being delighted inside, we all stayed in control. Before playing the final, Dorothy mentioned that, according to the local paper, Eastern Province were favourites and that we just

had to live up to our motto "to be the best we can" to win either the gold or silver medal.

I don't think any of us were quite prepared for the number of people who were at the final. Along with our B Side men we had a number of other districts cheering us on. Both our teams took the lead almost straight-away and it was a lead that we never lost. Despite Eastern Province coming back at us towards the end of the match, it was never enough and we, to everyone's surprise, just won the final. I cannot describe the joy and pleasure to win at that level and to have done it with such an amazing group of players and an outstanding manager in Dorothy.

Before we went to the Inter Districts, I mentioned on the Boland Facebook page that I had heard Ray Jennings, coach of the Under 19 SA cricket team that recently won the World Cup, say that whilst the team were not necessarily the most talented group of players he had coached, without a doubt they were the best team for their unrelenting team spirit and this was what helped them to win the World Cup. Having played with a group of players with such an incredible team spirit, I now have some idea of what he meant.

I would like to finish off by thanking those people who put their faith in this year's selection, for giving us Dorothy, who only ever asked one thing of us, "be the best you can". Also, to everyone who supported us throughout the week with phone calls and sms's, it made such a difference. Finally to the Boland Women's B Side, of which it was an honour to be part of, you were all absolutely splendid.

Western Cape Bowls Federation : Nuwe afbakening

Theuns Coetzee

Die woord “**AFBAKENING**” was die afgelope tyd in die Boland distrik verantwoordelik vir ‘n ongekende hoeveelheid bespiegeling. Die Uitvoerende Bestuur van Boland Rolbal wil graag hiermee al ons lesers se vrae so volledig as moontlik beantwoord. Ons vra ook sommers uit die staanspoor dat enige persoon wat hierna nog meer inligting benodig, asseblief met my of sy/haar sonevertegenwoordiger moet skakel vir die nodige antwoorde.

Die Uitvoerende Bestuur het die groot stap gedoen deur te begin om binne die raamwerk van die “Western Cape Bowls Federation” te funksioneer. Dit het op 12 April 2014 in die Paarl plaasgevind in die teenwoordigheid en met die samewerking van die distrikte Westelike Provinsie en Eden (voorheen Suid-Kaap).

Die beste manier om die nuwe bedeling te verduidelik, is om terug te kyk na die gebeure wat tot die huidige situasie aanleiding gegee het. Ter aanvang moet ek ons lesers daaraan herinner dat herafbakening nie iets nuuts in Boland is nie. ‘n Klompie jare gelede was ons nog deel van die Cape Country Bowling Association. Soos verwag kan word in sulke omstandighede, was daar destyds ook maar teenkanting teen die stigting van die huidige Boland Distrik.

Wat het aanleiding gegee tot die nuwe afbakening?

Die uitdaging wat hoofsaaklik aangespreek word, is om al die verskillende sportkodes te verbind tot eenvormige geografiese grense. Al ons sportkodes het hul eie grense en byna elkeen verskil, wat die finansiële administrasie van sportdepartemente baie moeilik maak. Die departemente kry befondsing vir ‘n spesifieke geografiese gebied en moet verantwoording doen vir daardie bepaalde area. Talle sportgebiede oorvleuel, wat die proses bemoeilik om enige statistieke en tendense te bepaal en om oorhoofse bestuur toe te pas. Ons moet besef dat Rolbal net een van ongeveer 130 sportkodes is en al die kodes maak staat op geldelike hulp van owerheidsweë.

Dit is net logies om die grense van al die sportkodes aan te pas by die munisipale en provinsiale geo-politieke grense.

Waarom juis nou?

Die poging om die administrasie van sport te rasionaliseer is lank reeds aan die gang. Op 21 en 22 November 2011 is ‘n sportindaba by Gallagher Estate gehou, waar die “National Sport and Recreation Plan” deur al die sportkodes in die land goedgekeur is. Die probleem was egter dat baie administrateurs nie die erns van die proses besef het nie. Dit was waarskynlik deels uit onkunde, maar ook omdat die sommige sportadministrateurs die proses gesien het as ‘n poging van die regering om in te meng met hul jurisdiksie. Daar is trouens nou nog sportkodes wat teen die proses vasskop.

Wat het Rolbal as ‘n sportkode gedoen?

Na die sportindaba van 2011 het Bowls SA (BSA) versoek dat twee verteenwoordigers elk deur Westelike Provinsie, Suid-Kaap en Boland afgevaardig word om die drie distrikte in die Western Cape Sports Council (WCSC) te verteenwoordig. Die destydse President van Boland Rolbal, Basie Louw, het Martin van Zyl en Theuns Coetzee aangewys om die distrik te verteenwoordig.

Die stigtingsvergadering van die Western Cape Bowls Federation (WCBF) het op 2 Mei 2013 op Riversdal plaasgevind en is deur die twee verteenwoordigers van elk van die drie distrikte bygewoon. Trevor Davis, President van Suid-Kaap Rolbal (nou Eden) was as president van WCBF en Doreen de Power as vise-president verkies. Trevor was as bemiddelaar instrumenteel om samewerking tussen BSA, SASCOC en WCSC te bewerkstellig.

Dit was nodig om BSA se grondwet te verander om provinsiale rolbalfederasies moontlik te maak. Die tersaaklike klousule in die grondwet is in Augustus verlede jaar op BSA se Algemene Jaarvergadering verander en lees nou soos volg:

“6.3.11 Districts of Bowls South Africa, within a demarcated provincial boundary of South Africa, may elect representatives to participate in Provincial Sports Confederations with authority on behalf of Bowls South Africa



Die nuwe wapen van die Western Cape Bowls Council wat al die bestaande distrikte uitbeeld

and its Districts to vote, in line with the policies of Bowls South Africa, on their behalf and to bind them in so far as needs be at Provincial Sports Confederation meetings.”

Wat het Boland Rolbal gedoen?

Tydens die bogenoemde vergadering van 2 Mei 2013 is daar begin werk aan ‘n grondwet vir die WCBF sodat die Wes-Kaap gereed kon wees om deel uit te maak van die nuwe strukture. Ons wou as leiers gesien word sodat ons uit die staanspoor betrokke kon wees op die pad vorentoe. Hierdie benadering het reeds dividende opgelewer omdat die WCSC ons prosesse gebruik as riglyn vir ander sportkodes.

Boland Rolbal se Uitvoerende Komitee het kennis geneem van die ontwikkelings en besluit om eers te kyk wat op BSA se 2013 jaarvergadering sou gebeur. Intussen het Suid-Kaap voortgegaan om, in ooreenstemming met die riglyne van die SASCOC, die name Eden en Sentraal-Karoo te aanvaar. WP het ook voortgegaan volgens die riglyne van die WCPSC.

Tydens die volgende vergadering van die WCBF op 6 Maart 2014 is die grondwet gefinaliseer en goedgekeur met die samewerking van die Algemene Sekretaris van die WCSC, mnr Dave van der Walt. Daar is ook besluit om aansoek te doen om lidmaatskap van die WCSC en om met die uitvoerende besture van Westelike Provinsie en Eden te vergader om hulle in te lig oor die afbakening, doel en funksionering van die WCBF. Hierdie vergaderings het suksesvol plaasgevind in Pinelands op 5 April en in Paarl op 12 April 2014 onderskeidelik. (Vervolg op bladsy 6)

Nuwe afbakening

(Vervolg van bladsy 5)

Watter voordele hou die WCBF vir ons as spelers in?

Die eerste voordeel wat die WCBF dadelik geïdentifiseer het, is nouer samewerking tussen die bestaande distrikte. Daar was 'n onsigbare grens tussen ons distrikte wat tot onlangs nog redelik hoog was. Elke distrik het op sy eie in isolasie gefunksioneer. Nou dra Eden, WP, Wynland, Overberg, ens. dieselfde gewig. Ons kan nou, byvoorbeeld, soos met die Onder-19-toernooi, ons eie interdistrikte toernooie aanbied en ons rolbalspelers nuwe geleenthede bied.

Aansoeke vir befondsing raak soveel makliker met Boland wat nou voldoen aan die riglyne van WCSC. Boland het reeds 'n ontwikkelingstjek van R15 000 ontvang met 'n addisionele R35 000 vir die voorneme om in lyn met WCSC se riglyne te kom. Dit maak 'n groot en broodnodige deel van ons begroting uit.

Die WCSC plaas baie klem op gesonde administrasie en om korrupsie in sport uit te roei. Hulle gaan so ver om, as die president nie verantwoording kan doen vir fondse wat aan die instelling wat hy/sy verteenwoordig toegewys is nie, daardie ampsdraer persoonlik verantwoordelik te hou. Die kaliber van verteenwoordiging by die WCBF se stigtingsvergadering was ook baie bemoedigend. Beter administratiewe doelwitte sal uiteindelik deursyfer tot op klubvlak, wat rolbal net kan bevoordeel.

Die afbakening gaan ook kleiner streke en beter bestuur tot gevolg hê. Areas wat voorheen onder die radar was, word nou uitgelig en aan hulle kan aandag geskenk word. Fondse kan nou gedesentraliseer word en nader aan die kern van die behoeftes in kleiner gebiede aangewend word.

Wat is die WCBF se rol en wat van Bowls SA?

WCBF se primêre funksie is om rekenskap te gee van fondse wat aan projekte in ons sportkode

toevertrou word. Dit beteken ook dat die WCBF inherent met voorleggings aan WCSC se deur gaan klop vir addisionele befondsing om rolbal te bevorder. Dit maak geensins inbreuk op die outoriteit van BSA nie.

Gaan die WCBF ons meer geld kos?

Die versekering word deur die WCBF gegee dat die federasie geskoei is op dienslewering en daardeur rolbal wil bevorder. Alle kostes is tot dusver deur die federasie se lede self gedra en nuwe bestuurstyle en tegnologie word aangewend om vergaderings te beperk, wat besluitneming bespoedig en kostes drasties inperk. Elke ou distrik dra slegs R1000 by en die addisionele administratiewe fondse word aangevra vanaf WCSC.

Is dit net 'n instelling wat na die pype van die regering gaan dans vir geld?

Die proses tot nou toe met die ses lede kan net as positief beskou word deurdat ons nog met elke aksie een stap voor was. Die ander groot woord, "transformasie", spook ook by elkeen. Uit die samewerking en die voorleggings tot op hede kon die WCSC sien dat ons ver voor is met ons onderneming op bestuurvlak. Ons het unieke uitdagings omdat ons sport so gestruktureerd is dat klubs net in voorheen blanke areas gevind kan word. Dit op sigself maak enige poging tot transformasie 'n reuse taak, want nie net moet klubs uitreik na die gemeenskappe nie, maar die gemeenskappe moet ook uit hul gemaksones beweeg na 'n tradisioneel blanke gebied om deel te neem. Die probleem word deeglik deur WCSC verstaan en hulle ondersteun ons "bottom up approach" 100%. Dit is die rede vir die fokus op ontwikkeling onder skoliere in alle groeperings. Daar kan dus onomwonde gestel word dat almal beseft dat daar nie 'n towerstaf bestaan om die situasie in een dag reg te stel nie.



Die bestuur van WCBF. Agter: Martin van Zyl, Theuns Coetzee en Gerrit van Milligen, Voor: Koos Louw, Trevor Davis en Doreen de Power

Die WCBF ondersteun die proses ten volle en sien dit as al uitweg om 'n demper te plaas op rolbal se kwynende getalle en die sport volhoubaar te maak vir ons nageslag.

Hoe raak dit ons in die Boland?

Vir die WP en Eden is die proses makliker as vir Boland. Boland is geografies baie groot wat operasioneel baie uitdagings bied. Ons eerste stap in die

proses gaan wees om ons vier sones na drie te verminder om in lyn te kom met die afbakeningsgrense. Die sones is: **Weskus**, tans Sone 1 - bly onveranderd;

Overberg, tans Sone 3 - neem 'n paar van Sone 2 se klubs oor; **Wynland**, tans sone 4 - wat die res van Sone 2 se klubs oorneem. Sone 2 word dus heeltemal opgeneem deur **Overberg** en **Wynland**.

(Vervolg op bladsy 7)



Kaart wat die nuwe WCSC se grense aantoon

(Vervolg van bladsy 6)

Dit is hoe die klubs in die drie sones ingedeel word:

**Overberg
(13 Klubs)**

L'Agulhas
Bredasdorp
Caledon
Elgin-Grabouw
Franskraal
Greyton
Hermanus
Kleinmond
Napier
Riviersonderend
Swellendam
Villiersdorp
Witsand-Port Beaufort

**Wynland
(11 Klubs)**

Bonnievale
Brandvlei
Ceres
Franschhoek
Hex Vallei
Montagu
Paarl
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Velddrif
Vredendal
Weskus Militêr
Yzerfontein

Nuwe afbakening

van Boland kompetisies en die keuring en afrigting van Boland spanne. Affiliatiegelde word steeds deur die klubs aan Boland Rolbal betaal, wat op sy beurt affiliatiegelde aan Bowls SA sal betaal. In wese, totdat die nuwe strukture oral 'n werklikheid word, sal slegs die verandering van die sones in die praktyk toegepas word.

Die pad vorentoe

Wanneer die tyd in die toekoms aanbreek dat Boland Rolbal tevrede is dat een van die drie sones nou administratief sterk genoeg is, kan dit as 'n volwaardige distrik geregistreer word. Sodra 'n sone as distrik geregistreer is, is daardie distrik ook geregtig op twee verteenwoordigers in die WCBF.

Die WCBF sal dan uiteindelik verteenwoordig word deur twee verteenwoordigers elk van WP, Weskus, Wynland, Overberg, Eden en Sentraal Karoo. 'n Distrik het dan sy eie bestuur

met verkose lede soos tans en met die sonevertegenwoordigers wat nog steeds as lede van Boland se Uitvoerende Bestuur dien. Die beste spelers sal nog steeds Boland in die Bowls SA Nasionale Interdistrikte toernooie verteenwoordig..

Die proses begin nou waar fondse gedentraliseer word en elke distrik sy eie sub-begroting via Boland ontvang.

Ons kan verwag om in die toekoms al hoe meer aan Wes-Kaap Interdistrikte deel te neem, as gevolg van die nouer samewerking tussen die onderskeie distrikte.

Kompromieë moet gemaak word en daar sal ongetwyfeld nog baie groeipyne wees voordat alles in plek is, maar die voordele wat uit die veranderinge gaan spruit, sal baie swaarder weeg. Daar is uitdagings wat ons in die gesig staar, maar dit sal ons sterker anderkant uitbring, met nuwe vennote met wie ons hande vat.

Sonevertegenwoordigers

Tot tyd en wyl die strukture in praktyk verander en in elk geval tot minstens Boland Rolbal se Algemene Jaarvergadering in Augustus vanjaar, sal die huidige sonevertegenwoordigers voortgaan soos tans. In die Overberg-streek sal Henry Fourie en Ristoff van Wyk saamwerk, in die Weskus-streek is dit Al

Cannone met Annatjie Rademan wat hom bystaan en die Wynland-streek word behartig deur Lampies en Theuns.

Uitvoerende Bestuur

Die Uitvoerende Bestuur van Boland Rolbal gaan voorlopig voort soos tans. Boland Rolbal is nog steeds verantwoordelik vir die opstel van sy begroting, die reël

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This article is currently available only in Afrikaans, but an English translation will be available during the second week of May. Anyone who needs the English version can contact me at pienaar.riaan1@gmail.com or 082 312 3973. - Ed.

Ruitplakkers bevorder Rolbal

Alwyn Smit, President van L'Agulhas Rolbalklub, het vorendag gekom met 'n splinternuwe, briljante plan om rolbal te bevorder. Hy het ruitplakkers ontwerp en laat druk met die bewoording: "EK SPEEL ROLBAL- EN JY?", "I PLAY BOWLS - AND YOU?", "SPEEL ROLBAL & LEEF LANGER" en "PLAY BOWLS & LIVE LONGER". Die rolbalmannetjie

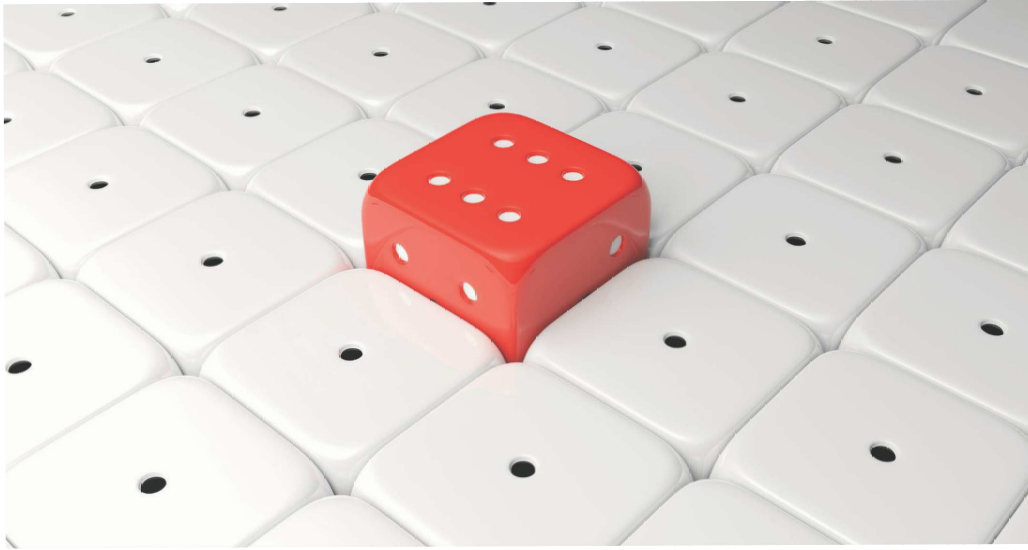


maak deel van elke plakker uit. Klubs kan die plakkers teen R10 stuk (posgeld ingesluit) by alwynpsmit@isat.co.za of tel.

082 922 7849 bestel of reël dat dit per hand afgelewer word. Dit sal interessant wees om te sien hoe nie-spelende lede van die

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VATGRAS

Pieter Linde

Reëls en Etiket / Rules and Etiquette

Merk van 'n raakbal (Reël 25)

Tydens die onlangse Inter-distrikte Toernooi het die Derde van 'n span nagelaat om die laaste bal, wat 'n raakbal was en in die sloot beland het, te merk. Onthou dat indien 'n skeidsregter geroep word om te meet moet hy/sy al die balle in die sloot wat nie gemerk is nie, dood verklaar en verwyder voordat daar gemeet word.

ALLE raakballe moet duidelik gemerk word selfs al is dit die laaste bal van 'n skof.

Restricting movement of players during play

There is still uncertainty regarding this aspect of play. When a Controlling Body, like Bo-land, decides to restrict the movement of players during play, provision for this should be included in the Conditions of Play

in line with the restrictions as laid down in the appendix as specified in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

This means that the restrictions on the movement of players do not have to be exactly as set out in Appendix A. As the appendix is not a law, it only contains examples that can be used in the conditions of play of the relevant Controlling Body but these must be in line with the appendix; they do not have to be exactly the same. It is at the discretion of the Controlling Body to what extent they wish to restrict the movement of players during a particular competition, as Boland has done by only allowing the skips to visit the head before delivery of their last bowl.

It therefore follows that should a club also wish to restrict the movement of players in their club

competitions or any tournaments that they hold, these restrictions should be contained in their Conditions of Play for that particular event.

Conditions of Play re Substitute Law 16.3.2 and 16.3.3

It is common practice for clubs, currently and in future, to run fun competitions which promote the game of bowls and they should be allowed to accommodate such matches. Thus, controlling bodies that govern club competitions which are purely social or recreational, that is, competitions that DO NOT directly or indirectly lead to the winners being awarded a CLUB TITLE or qualifying to compete for a district, national or international title, can set conditions of play which include aspects that are different from those described in Law 17.2.2.

World Bowls have decided that countries can set Domestic Regulations that override Law 16, BUT this may only be done in line with Laws 17.1.1 up to

17.1.3.

As a result of the above, Bowls South Africa, in accordance with Law 17.1.1.16, decided that the terms as set out in Circular 08/2005 dealing with Reserves and Substitutes, will STILL apply (refer pages 4-6 of the white booklet: Domestic Regulations and General Conditions of Play).

ROLBAL ETIKET letsie oor perke

Perkemeesters bestee baie ure se harde werk in 'n poging om vir spelers 'n goeie speeloppervlakte daar te stel. Ons kan hier van hulp wees deur, onder andere, die volgende:

- ◆ Gebruik trappe om die perk te betree;
- ◆ Sit die balle versigtig op die speel oppervlakte neer – moenie dat die balle daarop val nie;
- ◆ Wissel die posisie van die mat om sodoende die speeloppervlakte oor 'n groter area te gebruik;
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POINTS OF INTEREST : Executive Meeting of 12 April

Al Cannone

The presentation by Trevor Davies, chairperson of the newly established **Western Cape Bowls Federation**, accompanied by his fellow committee members - representatives of Boland, Western Province and Eden Districts - was certainly the highlight of our Executive Meeting at Paarl. With a full explanation elsewhere in this issue of Raakskoot, suffice it for me to say that your Boland Executive views this development as heralding eminently manageable changes in the way our sport is organised at district level, all very necessary to win full recognition, cooperation and support funding from national and provincial sports authorities. Boland Bowls owes a debt of gratitude to our representatives, Theuns Coetzee and Martin van Zyl, for their mandated role in inaugurating this Federation, designed to facilitate coordinated interaction and communication within our sporting code – both regional and national — and between ourselves and all regulatory authorities.

In preparation for a possible Boland League, all Zones - with the exception of Zone 2 - are running leagues this season. However, with three “new” demarcated zones mooted as from next season, this issue will need to be revisited.

The view that selectors should not themselves be current Boland players – to facilitate more effective and critical observation of players' form - found resonance within the Executive. However, Stoffel Lambrechts (not present at the meeting) later commented pertinently that many, if not all selectors, were not involved in selections of teams for which they themselves are candidate players. This issue, among other pertinent factors, will be dealt with appropriately by Marina van Wyk in the drawing up of a comprehensive Guide for Selectors.

To date, even though advertised in the previous issue of Raakskoot/Toucher, there has been no response to our quest for a replacement for Una Conradie as District Secretary. This is a critically important position that **MUST** be filled.

Theuns Coetzee again encourages coastal bowls clubs to exploit their location by organising events of the “bowls awareness” kind (such as those run so successfully by

‘
...only 24 clubs
have qualified
coaches ...
’

Lamberts Bay) for holidaymakers, with the rider that he should be notified well in advance of the dates of such proposed events in order to promote it on various bowls websites.

A reminder to all potential entrants to the All Cape and other national events: entries **MUST** be made via the District Secretary and **NOT** directly to the organisers.

After considerable discussion around the issue of withdrawals from Boland Finals and the gross inconvenience thereby created, there was consensus for the idea that the zone runner-up could be requested to take the place of the person withdrawing. This may well be an issue worthy of seeking general approval at our District AGM.

Marina van Wyk, convenor of the Coaches Standing Committee, provided interesting, albeit somewhat disturbing statistics. Of the 40 clubs in Boland, only 24 have qualified coaches and, of these, only 18 provided information on hours spent coaching. In the entire District there are just 40 coaches. Ten qualified as coaches in 2013. She also reported that the TID programme – proposed almost a year ago to be followed by all aspirant Boland players - had been faithfully observed by the Boland ladies but that it remains to be enforced for men as well. The TID programme will be further strengthened in the coming season, with clubs exhorted to inform Marina of players showing promise.

A serious incident of unethical conduct involving a club member submitting a singles game scorecard to an Insurance company and lodging a claim for a fullhouse was reported and discussed. The Executive reaffirmed the fact – stated in our Yearbook - that a fullhouse can only involve 8 or 9 shots obtained in a single

end. Therefore, a singles game cannot possibly yield a fullhouse (and, for that matter, neither can a 2-bowl pairs game or a 2-bowl trips game). It was recommended that Raakskoot/Toucher be used to remind all Boland members of this (see separate story in this issue) and, moreover, that Bowls South Africa be requested to inform the Insurance industry appropriately so as to obviate the possibility of any future misrepresentation or fraudulent action anywhere in South Africa that would bring our sport into disrepute.

In order to activate the BSA ruling that any bowler introducing a new recruit to the game be rewarded by having his/her affiliation fee waived for a year, zone representatives are requested to inform clubs to provide the District Secretary with all relevant information with respect to new recruits being introduced to the sport by existing bowlers.

An earlier suggestion by Al Cannone that our Constitution be amended to allow - in addition to the existing categories of district player and Executive member – persons that are deemed to have rendered exceptional service to Boland Bowls being granted *ad hominem* the right to wear Boland colours, was accepted by this meeting, and will therefore be brought to our AGM for approval.

Following a request from Zone 1 for clarity regarding Boland's policy with reference to keeping Boland competition days (preliminary rounds) free of any other inter-club activities (Open/All Days, Classics, etc), it was reaffirmed that Boland competition days retain strict priority status, with no other clashing formal event permitted.

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FROM THE HIP

Compiled by Martin van Zyl



Dear reader, before my sharing any further views with you, kindly allow me a little space to comment on the points made by my good friend, John Carroll, in the February 2014 issue of this august bulletin.

After many months of exercising patience, we yet have to read about the successes of the **Awareness Days** held in the Boland during October 2013! May we now assume that, as nothing appears to be forthcoming by way of positive reports/announcements by our clubs, this may have been a pointless exercise?

In regard to the necessity for early selection of **representative teams/sides**, I remain convinced that this aspect is still not receiving the attention that it deserves. The assumption that the current number of 'team sessions' should suffice, unfortunately totally ignores my point, namely that **'matches'** on a regular basis are what is required to properly prepare representative teams/sides in good time before Inter District tournaments! The mere coming together of representative teams and possibly playing against each other or practising together, is certainly not the same as playing competitively as in matches/tournaments!

The **'Free Affiliation Incentive'** discussed at the last Boland AGM was indeed 'turned down by a large majority'. Unfortunately, absolutely nothing to date has been forthcoming from this 'majority' to rectify the shocking decline in bowling membership! Yes, 'democracy did its thing', but so, too, will 'democracy' again show our country what is good for it at the next country-wide elections!

It is a pity that John has, after such a short period on the Management of Boland Bowls, decided to 'throw in the towel'! We are sure, however, that he

will remain an avid reader and contributor to Raaskoot/Toucher.

My very sincere message to those of our readers who are sufficiently worried about the present state of affairs in the bowls arena, is to stop talking (yes, or even contemplating merely writing), but to 'become meaningfully and actively involved in promoting bowls wherever and whenever possible'!

Now, to resume my column. One of my favourite topics is the introduction and successful running of **Business Leagues**. Although most of us already know that Boland currently is streaks ahead of other districts in regard to this very useful method of introducing and promoting bowls, are we, however, sufficiently motivated to constantly evaluate the importance of this approach and do we share our successes in this regard? When last, for instance, did Boland Bowls conduct a meaningful **survey** to determine how many persons are being introduced to bowls in this manner and how many 'new' bowlers are actually registering? Can those clubs that achieve benefits through running Business Leagues (not only of a pecuniary nature but, even more so, through increased membership) not perhaps share their experiences and successes - through such a survey by Boland Bowls - with clubs who hitherto have not succeeded in offering Business League bowls to the public?

Is **Boland's website** still popular and is it possible for readers to get some insight into the number of users and, yes, even contributors? How does our website compare with those of our neighbours and other bowling districts in the country and has it helped to promote our sport and the image of bowls in

the Boland? Perhaps the regular publishing of, for instance, the minutes of Boland Management Meetings (as is done on the website of Eden, the former Southern Cape District, to name but one) would generate further interest and greater meaningful involvement in bowls in our region?

The very innovative idea that our new Development Officer, Theuns Coetzee, had when he initiated the preparation and publication of the current most informative **Year Planner** for Boland, certainly deserves recognition! It is this sort of 'new thinking' and application that undoubtedly will contribute to the improvement of bowls administration at large! It would be most interesting to find out how our readers have been able to utilise the Year Planner.

My warmest congratulations to each and every representative of Boland Bowls who participated in the recent **2014 BSA Inter Districts**. Boland came out tops of all 20 districts and this particularly exceptional achievement is most commendable. Our managers, coaches and selectors deserve recognition for an excellent job of work. Would it also not be of tremendous interest to everyone if a representative of each team/side could also furnish Boland with his/her assessment of the reasons for their wonderful success? Our managers do complete a prescribed report form (and there are also a few managers who are player/managers) but the additional important direct input of player representatives would no doubt be of immense value to the district as a whole! The role of **physical** and **mental preparation** is obviously paramount and, in this regard, the views of the representatives could undoubtedly assist the management and selectors in

their future tasks!

The recent establishment of the **Western Cape Bowls Federation (WCBF)** has succeeded in generating some much needed introspection in regard to the way forward for bowls in the Western Cape. Fortunately the three affected districts, the former Bowls Southern Cape, Western Province Bowls and Boland Rolbal/Bowls, will derive many advantages such as regular funding and increased competition for players aspiring to selection for Inter District/Provincial colours. The finer details of the new dispensation are covered in this edition of Raaskoot/Toucher. For the record, Bowls Southern Cape has already been sub-divided into Central Karoo and Eden. Boland will eventually be sub-divided into the three municipal districts of Overberg, Winelands and West Coast. Western Province Bowls (currently 36 affiliated clubs) will eventually lose Malmesbury (to West Coast) and Stellenbosch (to Winelands). Although the sub-division of Bowls Southern Cape has taken place as already mentioned, it is envisaged that the changes in regard to the other two districts will take some time.

Personally, being involved as a representative of our district together with Theuns Coetzee, Boland's Development Officer, in the planning and realisation of the WCBF has been like a breath of fresh air and I am convinced that this new representative bowling body will engender much more competition and enthusiasm amongst bowlers at the southern tip of the continent! The opportunity for the **essential expansion of membership** will also be an interesting challenge to the new dispensation!

Weskus Militêr bly bedrywig

Annatjie Rademan van Weskus Militêre Rolbalkklub het vir ons twee lekker stories gestuur oor bedrywighede by haar klub. Die een gaan oor hul **"BURG-EN-BAAI"-dag**. Die meeste van die klublede bly in Saldanha en Vredenburg, met byna dieselfde getal van elke dorp.

Iemand stel toe voor dat hulle 'n rolbalkompetisie hou tussen die twee dorpe. Dit het op Saterdag, 22 Maart 2014 plaas-

gevind, met 15 spelers van elke dorp wat deelgeneem het. Die kompetisie is volgens die vywe ligaformaat gespeel, dws drie- en pasespel met 'n punt per skof, plus punte vir 'n wen.

Na die tweede wedstryd was Vredenburg voor, maar in die laaste wedstryd, onder spreiligte, het Saldanha se spelers hulle ingehaal om die dag en die wisseltrofee met 'n verskil van slegs twee punte te wen.



Die plakkers by Weskus Militêr



Dit lyk of die Burg-en Baaidag nogal 'n rowwe stryd afgegee het!

En hier is Annatjie se storie oor die klub se jaarlikse Beginnersdag:

Ons Jaarlikse Beginnersdag was weer eens 'n baie groot sukses. Net soos die vorige jare het al die spanne wat deelgeneem het, oorspronklik aangetrek en daar was 'n prys vir die span wat die snaaksste en/of interessantste kleredrag gehad het.

Dieselfde span wat die eerste twee jaar gewen het, het dit vanjaar weer reggekry. Die span

het bestaan uit Patsy Hurter (Skipper) en haar twee beginners was Eddie Cruywagen en André Retief. Die eerste jaar was hulle Rastas, toe tronksitters oor dagga smous en vanjaar, omdat hulle nie werk kon kry nie, het hulle by die rolbalkklub kom plak tot groot plesier van die ander spelers. Party spelers wou nie uit hulle karre klim nie want wat maak die drie plakkers dan by WMRK en hoe kan die Bestuur plakkers daar toelaat?!

JOEY MAREE ROLBALDAG



Die wenspan van Caledon by Celeste Price, Kleinmond Rolbalkklub se President

Koos de Wet

Die Joey Maree Dames-rolbaldag, wat jaarliks aan wyle Joey Maree opgedra word, het vanjaar op 1 Februarie 2014 plaasgevind. Joey was 'n baie toegewyde, geliefde lid van Kleinmond Rolbalkklub, wat haar spel geken het.

Spanne van Caledon, Franskraal, Greyton, Hermanus, Helderberg, Kleinmond en Worcester het op die snikhete dag teen mekaar meegeding. In die gees van Valentynsdag, twee

weke vorentoe, was die tema in die eetsaal ook rooi. 'n Paar van die mans, ons eie "Kokkedore", het vir die innerlike gesorg.

Die weners van die dag was Caledon met hul spanlede Maureen De Jager, Ritta Lötter en Jean Burger. Kleinmond was tweede met Christa Steenkamp, Elaine Le Roux en Ingrid Erasmus. Hermanus het derde geëindig met hul spanlede Joan Lategan, Ena Linde en Jean Greyling.

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Player's Profile

In this issue, the popular, talented Les Bradley of Worcester is the subject of our Player's Profile. This is what he has to say:

The earlier years

I was brought up on a farm in Dungannon, Northern Ireland, where I attended primary school and then secondary school, becoming head boy in my final year. Earlier, when I was 11 years old, I refused to go to grammar school because it was a rugby school only, and I was a football (soccer) addict. I left school when I was 15 years old and joined a local textile company. I studied "Dyeing and Finishing of Textiles" two days a week for four years before moving into the production department where I worked for 7 years. In 1974 I applied for and obtained a job at Hexriver Textile Mills on a 3-year contract. Now I am happily retired.

My family

I married Gladys Simpson in 1969 and we have two children. Geoffrey lives in London and has two children while Cheryl lives in Cape Town, still looking for the right man.

Bowls career

I was introduced to the game by a good Scottish friend. He showed me the basics and 30 minutes later suggested we play a game. He lost by a big margin and I nearly lost a good pal. The next day I became a member of Hexriver Bowling Club. Tabs-in on Saturday, 6 February 1978 began my bowling career.

Achievements at club level

I have been club Singles Champion 20 times (10 at Hexriver Club and 10 times at Worcester Club). I have also won many pairs, mixed pairs, handicap singles and 101 competitions at club level.

Achievements at district level

When I began playing, our district was called Cape Country. In 1993 it split into Southern Cape and Boland. My wins include both districts.
Men's Rinks: 3 times
Mixed Rinks: 3 times
Men's Trips: 2 times
Men's Pairs: 1 time
Mixed Pairs: 4 times
Open Singles: 2 times
Senior Singles: 2 times
Senior masters: 1 time
Champion of Champions: 2 times
Open masters: 1 time

Amongst these victories there have been lots of runner-ups and third place play offs

Interprovincials

I represented Cape Country at 10 tournaments and Boland at 16 (2 at Senior level). Most notable was reaching semi-final with Cape Country in 1988 and winning Gold with Boland Seniors in 2012.

Other honours

In 1991 I was chosen to represent Cape Country in the President's Singles which was run parallel with the Masters. I came third in my section in 1991 and the next year finished second in the section but lost in the playoff for the Bronze Medal.

Nationals

Due to work commitments I was able to play in only five tournaments. My only successes were reaching the last sixteen in pairs and singles.

All Cape

Played twice winning the section in 2005 and made semi-final in 2009.

Others

For many years I coached blind bowlers. Together with a fellow club member we coached two partially sighted to Gold Medal in the B3 category in Port



Les Bradley

Elizabeth in 2003 This was significant, as teams from England, Wales, Scotland, Canada and Israel played that year to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Advice to fellow bowlers

1. Practise does not make you perfect, but it helps a lot. I believe you should practice on your own and not with anyone.
2. Never criticise a greenkeeper. In 1989 I did and he resigned on the spot saying "you do better". For 17 years I tried and believe I

succeeded. (Many bowlers still believe that the Hexriver green was the best in the district. - Ed.)
3. Many years ago I attended a management seminar. I picked up a sentence which still motivates me. Ten two-letter words: "IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME." Very simple and concise and something you can use next time you find yourself in trouble on the green.

(Boland Bowls suffered a major setback when health problems put an early end to Les's inter districts career - temporarily, we hope! - Ed.)

Marina's Coaching Clinic

Be successful under Pressure

- * Be confident and determined, but be *patient*.
- * Your body language must reflect a *winning image*, even when things look bad.
- * Concentrate on *things you can control*; ignore the others.
- * Stick to your *delivery routine* every time.
- * Play *slower*, at your own tempo — think before you play.
- * *Breathe* to relax . Use your senses to refocus.
- * Focus on the *task at hand*, don't be distracted.
- * *Focus on the game*, not the score board.
- * Think *positive thoughts* and utter positive words.
- * Every *good bowl*, especially your own, is worthy of *applause*.
- * *Forget consequences* of success or failure .
- * *Pressure* will cause *mistakes* by the opponent.
- * *Sustained pressure* is better than flashes of brilliance.
- * Pressure games are *not won by spectacular shots*.
- * Breathe, relax and refocus when you get to the *last five ends* — many games are not won until then.

Have confidence in yourself and practise regularly so that you can be the best you can.

Boland Sone 2 Senior Mans Driespel

Martin van Zyl

Die besonder geslaagde toernooi is vir die 16de agtereenvolgende jaar gehou en een van die twee spanne van Robertson wat oor twee weke teen 13 ander spanne op Bredasdorp, Bonnievale en Swel-

lendam meegeding het, het vanjaar koning gekraai. Die toernooi staan bekend vir die goeie gehalte rolbal, die gasvryheid van die verskillende klubs asook die uitstekende organisasie. Vanjaar se hoofborg was Geoff Matthewman van Swellendam.



Billy Diedericks, Organiseerder (links) by Rob Barker, Martin van Zyl en Jimmy Wright



Darling Ope-dag winners

Hier is die span van Langebaan Golf & Sports Bowls Club wat op 29 Maart 2014 Darling se Ope-dag Toernooi gewen het: Tom en Ann Tromp en Marius van der Mescht (Skipper).

Robertson's social evenings



Robertson Bowls Club held some very entertaining and successful social evenings lately. The picture shows the men who served the ladies at a special dinner. Do you recognise some of them?

True words spoken by Henry Ford:

✓ "Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right!"

✓ "Don't find fault. Find a remedy."

Nuus vanuit Vredendal



Pierre Olivier

Op die foto hierbo is Vredendal Rolbalklub se Mans Parespel klubkampioene vir 2013. Die twee spelers, Elias Steenkamp (links) en Melt van der Spuy (regs) is onderskeidelik 82 jaar en 75 jaar oud. Hulle is die oud-oudste spelende klublede en het al die jonger manne uitgestof!

Die trofee word hier oorhandig deur Jasper Hoon, die klub se baanopsigter, self 'n goeie 82 jaar oud!

Tussen die drie lede verteenwoordig hul altesaam 239 jaar se ondervinding. Melt is ook die afgelope agt jaar die president van die klub, wat vanjaar reeds sewe nuwe lede gewerf het.

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Letters to the Editor

Paarl Rolbalkklub vir fees

SOME LAW CLARIFICATIONS

The law book has 61 laws, most of which deal with dimensions, weather, guidelines, etc., only a few of which invoke penalties. By adhering to the "few" mentioned hereunder, bowlers will eliminate many potential sources of conflict and dissatisfaction currently occurring on the greens and, moreover, raise levels of "enjoyment" of the game for all participants. **Surely this is not asking too much!**

- 1. Positional changes: (Law 34.2.3)** – No changes are allowed in a team after the first end, unless a substitute has been brought in under **Law 51**. Until 2006, it was permissible to change positions during a game but it is no longer so. However, positional changes **between** games are permissible.
- 2. Line Bowls: (a) (Law 27.3.)** Only skips - or opponents in singles - may decide whether a bowl is in or out and only on their own rink. If they cannot reach agreement, an umpire should be called. **(b)** Players on a rink are only permitted to remove their own bowls. If they remove an opponent's bowl, the opponents may replace the bowl where they believe it was lying. The opponent's decision is final. **(c)** A player removing an adjoining rink's bowl becomes a "neutral" person. This is a **serious** matter, as the teams on the adjoining rink may replace the bowl and must be in agreement as to its position. If they cannot agree, the end will be declared "dead" and should be replayed. This can seriously affect a game. You may advise an adjoining rink of a bowl that is possibly in your rink - but allow them to decide.
- 3. Rink possession: (Law 35.0)** When a delivered bowl stops, possession of the rink transfers to the opponents **immediately**. The player having delivered should vacate the mat and the team should vacate the head. No further communication should take place until after the next opposition delivery stops and rink possession is once again regained. **Law 35.3** : The player on the mat should **not** be distracted or interfered with during delivery.
- 4. Position of Players: (Law 36.0) (a)** Players at the mat end who are not delivering, are to stand at least 1 metre behind the mat. **(b)** At the head, as a bowl is delivered, the player controlling is required to move back and away from the head **(36.1.2.2)**, as should the other players on the rink (Moment of delivery is as the bowl leaves the hand).
- 5. Foot Faulting: (Law 20.0)** Before delivery a player must have one foot (at least) completely on the mat and, as the bowl leaves the player's hand, one foot is to be on - or partly on or above - the mat. This applies to the jack as well as to a bowl's delivery.
- 6. Note: Transgressions of Laws 20.0, 35.0 and 36.0 all invoke penalties – an indication of the seriousness with which such transgressions are viewed.**
- 7. Breaking up Head: (Law 39.2)** No bowls should be removed from the head until **both** opponents in charge of the head are in agreement as to the number of shots scored. So, **beware of moving any bowls**, until you are given permission by the players in charge.
- 8. Bowls: (Law 1.4.3)** – A set of bowls consists of four bowls that are "matched" in colour, size, weight, bias, engraving, make, model, etc. **Note:** Opponents can challenge the legality of bowls if the bowls do not conform to this law. **Law 8.1.9** — In all games, players should use bowls from the same set. **Law 8.1.8** stipulates that stickers are temporary attachments to a bowl.

Peter Welensky, Lagoon Bowls Club.

Almarie du Toit

Paarl Rolbalkklub het die afgelope jaar gegroei, nie net in ledetal nie, maar ook in geesdrif en kreatiwiteit.

Die klub is vanjaar 80 jaar oud en die verjaardag is met 'n semi-formele aansit-ete gevier. Daar is in die argiewe vanaf 1934 tot hede ingevaar, foto's is geneem en inligting is in die vorm van 'n koerantjie saamgevat. Vorige



jare se presidente is spesiaal genooi en hulle het ons vergas met hul teenwoordigheid. Wat 'n geskiedkundige gebeurtenis was dit nie!

Op 19 Januarie 2014 is 'n Geborgde Driespeldag vir mans aangebied. Die dames wat die manne daardie dag vermaak het, het weer behoorlik uitgehang en die tema van die dag was "Back to school", skoolvlag inklusief. Op die foto's kan gesien word hoe ernstig word daar ingekleur en die kospakkies op die tafel. Moenie vergeet van die "naughty corner" en die speelhoekie nie! Die manne het heerlik by die tema ingeskakel en die

"skoolhoof" is selfs met kryt van agteraf gegooi – tipies seuns!

Paarl Rolbalkklub is trots op Avril Darlew, 'n lid van die Boland Senior Interdistrikte Dameskant wat Brons verower het. Sy het ook tweede in die Ope Meesters gekom en die Dames Enkelspel gewen.

Almal dra strepe wat netjies pas



Hierdie dames met hul veelkleurige strepies-drag is by vanjaar se Strand Classic afgeneem

Hoërskool fondsinsameling by Bredasdorp Rolbalkklub



Henry Fourie

Hoërskool Bredasdorp het die einde van die eerste kwartaal, in samewerking met Bredasdorp

Rolbalkklub, 'n fondsinsameling vir 'n hokkietoeer gereël. 56 hoërskoolleerders het die Vrydagmiddag op die Rolbalkperk in spanne teen mekaar

meegeding. Na afloop van hul wedstryde het daar ook 56 volwassenes, wat ouers, opvoeders en rolbalkklublede ingesluit het, teen mekaar mee-

geding. Die middag se spel is met 'n ete afgesluit. Hier is die groep hoërskoolleerders, net voordat hulle mekaar die stryd aangesê het.

Bredasdorp Besigheidsliga

Henry Fourie

Bredasdorp Rolbalkklub het gedurende Februarie / Maart vir vier weke na mekaar weer die baie geslaagde Rola Toyota Besigheidsligatoernooi aangebied. 48 spanne het vier aande per week sake teen mekaar uitgespook. Mev. Shirley Marais en haar span het verseker dat die spelers en besoekers na afloop van elke aande se spel om 'n heerlike bord kos kon saamkuier. Op Woensdag 26 Maart

het die Semi-finaal en die Finaal plaasgevind.

Al was die spanne ernstig om te wen, het daar 'n wonderlike gees geheers. Danksy Rola Toyota se ruim borgskap, sowel as 'n paar ander borge se bydraes, kon elke span wat aan die Semi-finaal deelgeneem het, met 'n prys huis toe gaan!

Verlede jaar se winners, Floraland se span, het hul titel suksesvol verdedig. Die naaswinners was, soos verlede jaar, Overberg Agri se span.



Mnr Rudy Visser van Floraland, Jo-Ann Hagen van Rola Toyota Bredasdorp, Chris Arends, Rowan Minords, Percy January en JD Terblanche van Floraland en, agter, Henry Fourie, president van Bredasdorp Rolbalkklub

Chris de Jager bedank

Chris de Jager (foto), tesourier en keurder van Boland Rolbal, het onlangs uit die Bestuurskomitee bedank. Chris is sedert 1995 die distrik se tesourier en het vanaf 1998 as keurder gedien, die afgelope aantal jare as sameroeper van beide die Ope en Senior Mans. Tydens sy bedanking het hy onderneem om nog tot die einde van die huidige boekjaar na die distrik se finansies om te sien.



Paarl Besigheidsliga winners



Hier is die span van Paarlberg BMW wat Paarl Rolbalkklub se Besigheidsliga kompetisie gewen het

Darling's new initiative: Bowls as school sport?

Ada Smith

Parker Kriel, our coach, assisted by myself, my husband Nick and one of our members, Johan Kriel, have had 11 grade 6 pupils and then 14 grade 7 pupils on our green one morning during school hours. This was at the suggestion of Marius Jerling, the new Principal of Darling College, as the governing body wanted to introduce a new sport to the school. Darling College is an independent primary school, situated close to our bowling green.

We have had the children on only three occasions to date but their enthusiasm is obvious. A few of them are showing potential and the rest are just enjoying themselves for now.

Mr. Jerling has also tried his hand at the game and has expressed an interest in joining us on a Saturday.



Above: Parker showing them how it is done

INCIDENT REPORT with a telling message for all Boland bowlers

Al Cannone

The occasion: the Boland Men Senior Singles competition preliminary stage on 26 March, 2014.

A player requests from the hosting club his scorecard showing a four-shot score in one end, plus a confirmatory letter from the club attesting to a "fullhouse". All this in order to submit a claim against his Insurance company.

Lengthy explanations, including (1) that a four-shot end in a Singles competition does NOT constitute a fullhouse; (2) that a claim to that effect would constitute a misrepresentation - with a view to securing an undeserved payout; (3) that any attempt by a club to validate in any manner or attest to a four-shot end being a fullhouse would make that club complicit in a

criminally fraudulent action, fell on deaf ears. The player became ever more belligerent and threatened the hosting club's official with legal action!

A letter is sent to the President of the player's club. After describing the incident and referring the recipient to page 8 in our Boland Yearbook, the letter ends as follows: **"My request to you is that you take steps to properly inform your club members of the facts surrounding a "fullhouse". Namely, that 8 shots in a four-ball Pairs game or in a two-bowl Fours game and 9 shots in a three-bowl Trips game constitute a fullhouse. Moreover, I trust that you will emphasize that any attempt thereafter to present to any insurance company a 4 shot end in a singles game as a fullhouse would represent a**

deliberate untruth with a view to securing payout on a fraudulent claim - a clear case of bringing our sport, club and District into disrepute".

An interesting sequel was a telephone call to a Boland Executive Member from the offices of Insurance brokers that had received a claim from the player in question. The Executive Member duly gave a full explanation of what does and does not constitute a fullhouse in bowls. The broker mentions that their client's policy actually states that a claim for a fullhouse can only be honoured if obtained **in a team event**. The Executive Member forwarded a scan of page 8 of our Boland Yearbook to confirm the official stance on the matter.

An e-mail from the brokers

was subsequently received by the Executive Member, quoted and/or paraphrased here as follows: **"I phoned our client to explain to him about the fullhouse, etc. He replied that Santam in the past paid out on such a claim. I phoned Santam and they sent me the previous scorecard and letter, the scorecard indicating it was a Men's Singles, but the club issued a letter confirming the fullhouse. Santam then paid the claim. Maybe this explains why Mr. X was so upset. I also sent the page 8 to Santam".**

The key here is the statement from Santam: **". . .THE CLUB ISSUED A LETTER CONFIRMING THE FULLHOUSE".**

Who among us – player and administrator alike – would want to continue to sacrifice the integrity of Club, District and Sport on the altar of blind avarice?

BOLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

Here are the results of the Boland competitions completed during the past quarter:

Women's Open Singles:

Winner: Avril Darlew (Paarl), Runner-up: Sandra Steyn (Swellendam).

Women's Novice Singles: Winner: Gay Puttick (Velddrif), Runner-up: Stephanie Crause (Hermanus).

Men's Open Singles: Winner: Tommie van Niekerk (Franskraal), Runner-up: David Pillay (Caledon).

Open Masters Men: Goud: Stoffel Lambrechts (Ceres), Silver: Bräsler van Schoor (Caledon), Bronze: Tommie van Niekerk (Franskraal).

President's Invitation Masters Men: Goud: Hendré de Wet (Villiersdorp), Silver: Pieter Mostert (Ceres), Bronze: Abie Treurnicht (Brandvlei).

Open Masters Women: Gold: Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp), Silver: Avril Darlew (Paarl), Bronze: Pam Beer (Lagoon).



The winners of the Women's Open Masters, Pam Beer (Bronze), Avril Darlew (Silver) and Anneke Snyman (Gold), seen here with Marina van Wyk and Ristoff van Wyk, Zone Representative of Zone 3 who presented the medals on behalf of Boland Bowls



Peter Lamb and Aléta Saayman, both from Worcester, who won Gold at the Senior Men's and Women's Singles respectively

President's Invitation Masters Women: Gold: Hannatjie du Toit (Swellendam), Silver: Marianna Kirsten (Piketberg), Bronze: Dale Gentle (Velddrif).

Women's Open Fours: Winners: D Reid, L McNamara, R Port and D Boucher (Lagoon), Runners-up: E Lambrechts, A Saayman, N Neethling and L Bancroft (Worcester).

Men's Open Fours: Winners: G du Toit, W Pool, P Quinn and D Pillay (Caledon), Runners-up: L Beer, T Boucher, R Rossouw and L Nel (Lagoon).

Mixed Pairs: Winners: Stephan de Jager and Anneke Snyman (Bredasdorp), Runners-up: Santjie Steyn and Willie de Kock (Swellendam).

Senior Women's Singles: Winner: Aléta Saayman (Worcester), Runner-up: Ena Linde, Hermanus.

Senior Men's Singles: Winner: Peter Lamb (Worcester), Runner-up: Keith Kruth (Hermanus).

Riviersonderend vermag wondere

Die Rolbalkub van Riviersonderend het dit reggekry om in 'n kort tydjie 12 nuwe lede by te kry. Theuns Coetzee, Boland Rolbal se Ontwikkelings-beampte, het vir Gert Visser, die klub se President hieroor uitgevra. So het die gesprek verloop:

Hoe het jy dit by jou klub reggekry? "Theuns, as ons in enige ander sone was, was Riviersonderend al dood, maar wat ek met die gees van vorentoe kyk in die sone ontvang het, en julle twee (Theuns en Soneverteenwoordiger, Henry Fourie - Red.) se be-

langstelling en ondersteuning, . . . man dis lekker. Dit het vir my ook 'n kopswaai gekos. Ek het geleer om op te hou delf in die verlede - ons kan niks daaraan doen nie. Kom ons "tackle" die toekoms! Dit is net soveel makliker om in so 'n positiewe gees te floreer en vorentoe te beweeg."

Die storie loop al wyd, weet jy dit? "Wel, ek is bly ons kan ook 'n bydrae lewer."

Wat het julle presies gedoen om mense in te trek? "Ons het ons klub oopgegooi, vir mense om net lekker sosiaal te verkeer, sodat hulle gewoon raak aan

hoe lekker dit hier is, 'n uitlaatklep om van hul stres ontslae te raak, want wat is daar anders om Riviersonderend. Al wat ek gesê het is, "Manne, ons skinder net nie van mekaar nie. Daar is genoeg "topics" oor sex, drank, politiek en nog wat". Wel, die ouens het tuis gevoel en hulle het aangesluit, en ek sal jou sê, hulle "laaik" dit baie. Jy weet, nou die aand was hier 16 ouens - meeste van hulle plaasvoormanne - ek het nie eens geweet hier is so baie nie. Hulle is op 'n ander "vibe", net so, dan is daar nog een - net hulle weet hoe. Ek het nog nie een van hulle inkatrol nie, maar hul tyd kom, want dan is my



Gert Visser, President van Riviersonderend Rolbalklub

En hoe lyk jou pad met rolbal vorentoe? "Daar is mense wat vir my kwaad is omdat ek nie meer (Vervolg op bladsy 20)

Thoughts on selection of bowls for purchase

Peter Welensky

Background Information:

An analysis done of Greens Assessments, completed at 12 Zone One clubs over the past year, has yielded the following running speeds: The 6 best greens averaged 12.53 seconds, while the remainder averaged 11.18 seconds. The overall average was 11.85 seconds. The "world standard" distance for green comparisons is 27 metres and optimal running speeds are considered to be 12.5 to 13.9 seconds.

Bowls manufacturers produce a wide range of models and weights, to suit the varying conditions found between the extremely fast New Zealand/Australian and the slower, heavier greens of the British Isles and Southern Africa. Therefore, it is possible that players could purchase bowls that are not designed for greens running at the 11.0 to 12.8 seconds, as experienced on the West Coast.

Manufacturers classify bowls into three main categories:

(a) Minimum bias aimed at 13

to 18 second greens;
(b) Middle bias aimed at 12 to 17 second greens;
(c) Full bias aimed at 9 to 13 second greens.

Among the various models are bowls with a "hockey stick" finish and others with the straighter "banana" finish. Henselite commented that "bowls with a banana (straighter) finish may prove unreliable in non-perfect conditions." Non-perfect referring to wind, patchy or different grasses, and slow running greens. Experience confirms Henselite's comment and, frequently, the call: "My bowl won't turn!" is heard! Quite often, the bowl that "won't turn" is actually designed for faster greens and is a straighter running bowl.

Recommendation:

From the above statistics, it follows that "full bias" bowls are most suited to the average West Coast conditions. The BSA Coaches Standing Committee also recommends "full bias" bowls for newish bowlers. However, any bowler with a consistent delivery and good weight control, will be able

to bowl well with any make and model of bowl they can comfortably handle. What will vary is how each different model reacts to the green conditions on the day. The minimum and middle bias bowls are more suitable for players with established expertise and faster greens, because of the straighter line followed.

Listed here are some of the models available, together with manufacturer's comments. Maker's initials are in brackets: Taylor (T), Henselite (H), Drakes Pride (DP).

Minimum Bias:

Dreamline (H); Advantage (DP); Red line (T).

All are suited to fast, free-running greens – a straighter running bowl

Middle Bias:

Classic (2H): Popular on faster greens – does have a "hockey stick" finish.

Professional (DP): Straighter finish. Suited to 14 -18 second greens.

Vector (T): "Banana" finish, for indoor and outdoor fast surfaces.
Tiger (H): Indoor and outdoor bowl, with straightish finish.

Full Bias:

Classic (H): "Hockey stick" finish. Popular choice, except for fast Aus/NZ greens.

Protea (DP): "Hockey stick" finish. Made for SA conditions, similar to the Classic (H).

Ace (T): Straighter finish. Recommended for indoor and outdoor surfaces.

Professional Plus (DP): "Hockey stick" finish suitable for slower greens.

Legacy SL (T): Slimline for small hands. Has a wide swing towards the jack.

To conclude: Many of the older 2 ring, 3 ring and rose dimpled (raised section in middle of dimple) bowls, have "hockey stick" finishes and are suitable for slow greens (9 to 13 secs). These bowls remain legal in S.A. The SA Masters is the only tournament in SA that stipulates the need for a valid expiry date stamp.

Please note that a **Stymphmeter** is available in Zone One and should bowlers wish to test the draw of their bowls, or the compatibility of any bowls to local conditions, they are welcome to make contact with the writer. Phone: 0227721559 or email: pegwel@telkomsa.net

Riviersonderend

(Vervolg van bladsy 19)

aan Boland kompetisies deelneem nie, maar dis my besluit. Dit is nou vir my baie lekkerder om saam met die vars manne, die "game" te geniet en hulle bloot te stel aan wegspeel. Toe ons nou die dag daar by julle op Bonnievale vir die eerste keer in jare deelgeneem het aan die Boland Vierspel, het ek drie beginner-spelers in my span gehad. Hulle het dit baie geniet, veral om die sterk spanne 'n "go" te gee. Ek moet sê, om met so 'n "underdog"-spannetjie te speel, het sy uitdagings, maar as jy sien hoe die ouens dit geniet, hel man dis lekker."

Wel, Gert, ek kan julle net gelukwens, en dankie sê, want julle het so pas nog 'n

voorbeeld geword vir ander klubs wat dink dit is onmoontlik. "Als is nog nie in plek soos dit moet wees nie, maar ek raak ook 21ste eeuvaardig met 'n e-posadres wat ek eersdaags gaan hê, dan kan julle my direk kontak."

Dit kos "effort" nê! "Wat praat jy, maar hou ons dop, een van die dae kom speel ons by julle onder ligte, as 'n dorp!"

Alle mense
glimlag in
dieselfde taal.

RATHER LATE THAN NEVER



Al Cannone - on behalf of the current President of Boland, Almarie du Toit, and her Executive team - presents Basie Louw with a gift of a handbook on the Trees of Southern Africa. This gift emphasizes - albeit belatedly - expressions of appreciation for his sterling service to Boland as President from 2010 to 2013, voiced at our last Boland AGM.

Kleinmond Herfstoernooi



Die weners van Kleinmond se Herfstoernooi, Chris Barnard, Christa Steenkamp en Wynand Neethling, hier saam met Brian Yarwood (tweede van regs), die verteenwoordiger van die borge, Warwick

BOLAND ROLBAL SOEK NUWE SEKRETARIS

Una Conradie, Sekretaris van Boland Rolbal, beoog om na sewe jaar uit te tree en daar word gesoek na 'n geskikte persoon om by haar oor te neem.

Die suksesvolle aplikant moet aan die volgende vereistes voldoen:

- ♦ Hy/sy moet 'n geaffilieerde lid van Boland Rolbal en Bowls SA wees. Iemand wat vertrou is met Boland Rolbal en van die spelers en klubs ken, sal voorkeur geniet.
- ♦ Die persoon moet tweetalig wees en in staat wees om in Engels en Afrikaans te korrespondeer.
- ♦ In besit wees van rekenaartoerusting met internet en faksfasiliteite.
- ♦ Rekenaarvaardig wees.
- ♦ In staat wees om vergaderings te organiseer, agendas op te stel en te versprei, notules te neem, die jaarboek op te stel en alle korrespondensie te behartig.
- ♦ Bereid wees om kwartaalliks bestuursvergaderings by te woon, gewoonlik in Paarl of Worcester en om enige ander relevante pligte uit te voer wat deur die Uitvoerende Bestuur verlang mag word.

Die werk is vrywillig en vergoeding word slegs betaal vir reiskoste, papier, ink, posgeld, internetkoste en telefoonoproepe. Die Algemene Jaarvergadering kan besluit om 'n jaarlikse honorarium aan die posbeker te betaal.

Enigien wat belangstel, word versoek om met Una Conradie by unacon@mweb.co.za of 083 293 5667 te skakel.

Editorial comment

All of us are now well aware of the wonderful successes achieved by Boland's inter district sides and teams. It is nice to bask in the warm feeling of euphoria, but success can easily lead to complacency, a condition that often bites you from behind if you do not beware.

This is the best opportunity Boland Bowls ever had for retrospection to identify the reasons for the successes so that all the sides can make use of it in future. Now is the time for debriefing, to get all the managers and skips around a table with the relevant members of Boland's management to identify and pin-point the reasons for our achievements. Was it commitment, motivation, prior team practice, focus, TIDs, player quality, effective team management or a combination of these factors? What worked and what did not work so well and was only a waste of time?

The Boland players, by their exceptional achievements in 2014, have made it more difficult to maintain the same standard in the years to come. If we do not learn from our successes and mistakes, it will be a lost opportunity and the task of maintaining the same standard will be so much more onerous.

As reported in this issue, the new demarcation of boundaries of bowls districts is a *fait accompli*. Boland as a district will eventually no longer exist and will become the three regions that have already replaced the four zones, all forming part of the Western Cape Province.

But what is still not clear, is the time scale. One must bear in mind that the same exercise that took place in the Western Cape, must be repeated in all eight other provinces. In Gauteng there are currently five districts, in Kwazulu-Natal three, and so forth. All these districts must be consolidated into provinces before the total plan can be implemented. Perhaps that is the reason for the vagueness regarding the timing of the implementation of the new dispensation.

There remains one niggling thought: Was the prospect of financial assistance by the Department of Sport and Recreation a decisive factor in the acceptance of the new dispensation? We read that the thorny issue of transformation did form part of the negotiations and that the Western Cape Sports Council had a good understanding of the situation regarding bowls. However, the Minister for Sport, on more than one occasion, publicly declared that those sports codes that did not meet the transformation targets, should not expect any financial support from the government.

This poses a major challenge for bowls administrators from national to club level. If they want the new demarcation dispensation to succeed money-wise, they will have to embark upon a concerted, urgent campaign to canvass meaningful numbers of Black followers of our sport.

Bowlers are invited to write to us with your comments and proposals on the issues of demarcation and transformation.

Please remember to keep sending your stories and letters to pienaar.riaan1@gmail.com.