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WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

On behalf of the Executive and Administration of the Western Province Bowls Association, I would like to congratulate the following members being awarded with the prestigious award of Honorary Life Membership of the Western Province Bowls Association, after being nominated by the Executive Committee at the WPBA Annual General Meeting on 17 August 2024:

Alan Lofthouse

It is difficult to say when Alan Lofthouse started bowls as his dad had him on the greens when he was a teenager, but in 1977/78 Alan retired from baseball and football and started bowls fulltime. Over the decades Alan has contributed greatly to the sport of bowls.

He was awarded his Protea colours in 1994 and his international accolades include the gold medal in the fours at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria. He also has innumerable District and National titles.

He has devoted a lot of time to WP Bowls, always being available to assist when needed. He was recently elected as Chairman of the Professional Bowls Association of South Africa and, as in the past, will be spending more energy on contributing to the success of the PBA and Western Province Bowls. He serves as a respected bowls commentator on the bowls live streaming channels and is also involved in mentoring upcoming bowlers at his club and across the district.

We firmly believe that his service to the sport of bowls is such that Alan is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

Kevin Campbell

Kevin Campbell started playing bowls in 1968 and has contributed immensely to our sport over the decades that he has been a part of the sport.

His international accolades include:

- *World Championships - Campbell came to prominence in 1976 when he won the triples, fours, and team gold medals at the 1976 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Johannesburg. Sixteen years later he won the triples silver medal and fours bronze medal at the 1992 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Worthing followed by another bronze at the 1996 World*

Outdoor Bowls Championship in Adelaide. Kevin played in three World Bowls Championships, winning medals in all three.

- *Commonwealth Games - Represented South Africa at three Commonwealth Games in 1994, 2002 and 2006. Won the Silver medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester in fours.*
- *National - Campbell became the youngest ever Springbok international aged 24 and has innumerable District and National titles.*
- *Awarded his Springbok Colours in 1976 and his Protea Colours in 1992.*

He has devoted a lot of time to our sport of bowls and to WP Bowls, always being available to assist when needed. He continues to spend time and energy in Western Province, entering WP competitions and serving as a coach at his club.

We firmly believe that his service to the sport of bowls is such that Kevin is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

Neil Burkett

Neil Burkett started his bowls career in 1968 and has arguably done more for our sport than most other individuals.

His international accolades include 2 World Bowls Championships medals and 4 Commonwealth Games medals. He was awarded his Springbok colours in 1983, his Protea colours in 1992 and has represented South Africa over 500 times. He has 14 National and innumerable District titles.

He has devoted a lot of time and effort to WP Bowls, always being available to assist when needed and identifying and coaching countless talented players over the years. He recently stepped down as a National Selector and will be spending more energy on Western Province and Eastern Cape bowls.

We firmly believe that his service to the sport of bowls is such that Neil is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

Trish Young (nee Steyn)

Trish Young (nee Steyn) started bowls in 1986 and has contributed greatly to our sport over the years, especially in the women's game in South Africa.

She was awarded her Protea colours in 1997. Her international accolades include winning the gold medal in the women's fours at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. The following year in 1999, she won the fours gold medal at the Atlantic Bowls Championships. Five years later she won another gold medal in the Women's triples at the 2004 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Leamington Spa. She has also won innumerable National and District titles.

She has made many valuable contributions to our sport through the years that she has been involved in bowls and continues to do so. She currently holds the position of Ladies Selector on the National Selection Committee for Bowls South Africa and serves as a respected bowls commentator on the bowls live streaming channels.

We firmly believe that her service to the sport of bowls is such that Trish is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

The fact that these players have been awarded their Springbok and/or Protea Colours, won innumerable international, national and district titles and have given dedicated service to the sport of bowls in Western Province over many years makes these well-deserved awards.

This is an excellent achievement and Western Province Bowls is immensely proud to have these four members as an Honorary Life Members.

Congratulations!

Regards,



Gerrit van Milligen
WP President
On behalf of the WP Executive