WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS

Western Province Bowls Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Agenda
Annual Report 2023 - 2024

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
(Founded December 1906)

PRESIDENT
Gerrit van Milligen

VICE-PRESIDENT
Tony Harland

TREASURER
Joy Calvert

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Mark Gibbs, Marianna Kirsten, Janet Schmidt, Danie de Klerk,
Grant Rightford, Nico Taljaard

ADMINISTRATION
Chris Nurrish (Administrator)
Denise Vermeulen (Finance)
Debbie Phillips (District Administrator)
Barrie Eksteen (Competition Secretary)
Taryn Bright (Marketing & Membership)

AUDITORS
True North Accounting

Honorary Life Members

Mr Travers-Phillips, Mr G Donaldson, Mr S Martinengo, Mrs R Myers, Ms D de Power, Mr G Kemp

Standing Committees and Ancillary Representatives

Finance	Joy Calvert	**Provincial Bowlers**	Mark Gibbs
Coaches	Jenny Griffiths	**Under 15 & Under 18**	Janet Schmidt
Disability Bowls	Eddie van der Heide	**Under 45**	Gerrit van Milligen
Greens Care	Trevor Wheeler	**Marketing & Membership**	Taryn Bright
Women's Selection	Sandy Wehrli	**Blind Bowlers (WP)**	Princess Schroeder
Men's Selection	Danie de Klerk	**Blind Bowlers (Peninsula)**	Princess Schroeder
Technical Officials	Jenny Phillips	**WP Nomads**	Joy Calvert

Past Presidents

*	Mr R Esdon	Gardens	1906-07
*	Mr R Jack	Green & Sea Pt	1908-09
*	Mr S Cowper	Wynberg	1910-11
*	Mr D M Small	Rondebosch	1912-13
*	Dr BG Molteno	Wynberg	1914-15
*	Mr J Chalmers	Rondebosch	1916-17
*	Mr JB Munnik	Wynberg	1918-19
*	Mr P Zoutendyk	Rondebosch	1920-21
*	Mr A Sinton	Rondebosch	1923-25
*	Mr JT Thomson	Observatory	1927-30
*	Mr HE Blackman	Mowbray	1932-34
*	Mr PS Carmichael	Muizenberg	1936-39
*	Mr J Bell	Muizenberg	1940-42
*	Mr PG Flint	Muizenberg	1945-46
*	Mr WA Macey	Fresnaye	1948-50
*	Mr E Brassell	Fish Hoek	1953-55
*	Mr D Gorvy	Oranjezicht	1957-60
*	Mr W Adams	Rondebosch	1961-63
*	Mr C Scott	Pinelands	1965-67
*	Mr WH Chalmers	Fish Hoel	1969-70
*	Mr H Carter	Plumstead	1972-75
*	Mr RW Clarke	Mowbray	1977-79
*	Me FE Bailey	Regent	1981-83
*	Mr FG Moore	Fresnaye	1985-87
*	Mr HF Windell	Bergvliet	1989-91
*	Mr BJ Boddy	Rondebosch	1993-95
*	Mr G Donaldson	Bellville	1997-00
*	Mr G Marchbank	Goodwood	2002-05
	Mr S Martinengo	Constantia	2001-09
	Ms D de Power	WPCC	2012-15
	Mr G Kemp	Edgemead	2018-21
*	Mr J Jenkinson	Wynberg	1907-08
*	Mr A Wright	Gardens	1909-10
*	Mr G Scott	Green & Sea Pt	1911-12
*	Sir Maitland Park	Gardens	1913-14
*	Mr WH Ashley	Green & Sea Pt	1915-16
*	Mr J Walsh	Gardens	1917-18
*	Mr HJ Graham	Green & Sea Pt	1919-20
*	Mr HJ Graham	Green & Sea Pt	1921-23
*	Mr G Duncan	Camps Bay	1925-27
*	Mr F Scott	Wynberg	1930-32
*	Dr W Robertson	Claremont	1934-36
*	Mr A Hicks	Green & Sea Pt	1939-40
*	Mr WA Milton	Gardens	1942-45
*	Mr TP Gilbert	Camps Bay	1946-48
*	Mr JA Wagner	Claremont	1950-53
*	Mr HC Miller	Rondebosch	1955-57
*	Mr O Pettersen	Green & Sea Pt	1960-61
*	Mr EW Orme	Green & Sea Pt	1963-65
*	Mr HED Vallance	Fresnaye	1967-69
*	Mr RC Stirratt	Green & Sea Pt	1970-72
*	Mr OJ Humphries	Fish Hoek	1975-77
*	Mr WG Fairey	Hill Park	1979-81
*	Mr CE Stephenson	Camps Bay	1983-85
*	Mr CJ Nortier	Bellville	1987-89
*	Mr LB Stander	Durbanville	1991-93
	Mr I Travers-Phillips	Constantia	1995-97
*	Mrs E Bosman	Durbanville	2000-02
*	Mr A Roberts	Pollsmoor	2005-07
*	Mr R Delport	WPCC	2009-12
*	Mr J Edwards	Plumstead	2015-17
	Mr G van Milligen	Bellville	2022-

Past Secretaries

*	Mr JA Baptie	Gardens	1906-08
*	Mr JB Munnik	Wynberg	1910-17
*	Mr J Brierley	Wynberg	1921-27
*	Mr HJ Graham	Green & Sea Pt	1933-48
*	Mr G Edwin Nicol	Claremont	1953-75
	Mr HV Davis	Green & Sea Pt	1976-85
	Mr SW Walters	Plumstead	1996-99
*	Mr RA Shackleton	Edgemead	2008-12
	Ms L Botha	Mowbray	2015-21
*	Mr CS Gray	Gardens	1908-10
*	Mr HG Davies	Gardens	1917-21
*	Mr W Ire	Observatory	1927-33
*	Mr J Raynier	Fresnaye	1948-53
*	Mr R Herbert	Plumstead	1975-76
*	Mr GT Hopkins	Fish Hoek	1985-96
*	Mrs A Gerber	Bellville	1999-08
	Mrs D Thelander		2012-15
	Mr CM Nurrish	Meadowridge	2022-24

Past Presidents (Former W.P.W.B.A.)

*	Mrs Gallety-Scott	Wynberg	1919-20
*	Mrs EL Eastman	Muizenberg	1921-22
*	Mrs E Isemonger	Observatory	1923-24
*	Mrs M Forsyth	Gardens	1925-26
*	Mrs H Rodwell	Claremont	1927-28
*	Mrs EL Hopkins	Plumstead	1929-30
*	Mrs N Bowman	Observatory	1932-34
*	Mrs E Sully	Pinelands	1936-38
*	Mrs J Nokes	Claremont	1940-42
*	Mrs BL Hughes	Fresnaye	1944-46
*	Mrs E Jack	Green &Sea Pt	1949-50
*	Mrs J Gardner	Pinelands	1952-54
*	Mrs MG Jones	Regent	1956-57
*	Mrs E Bailey	Mowbray	1959-62
*	Mrs EM Dobson	Marist	1964-66
*	Mrs KM Whitfield	Fresnaye	1968-70
*	Mrs M Retief	Paarl	1972-74
*	Mrs F Lentin	Glen CC	1976-77
*	Mrs BA Chapman	Goodwood	1980-82
*	Mrs D Mednicoff	Oranjezicht	1984-86
*	Mrs BB Russell	Camps Bay	1988-90
*	Mrs M Boonzaier	Jaggers	1992-94
*	Mrs E Crous	Durbanville	1996
*	Mrs R Cook	Green & Sea Pt	1920-21
*	Mrs E Muter	Gardens	1922-23
*	Mrs E Denholm	Camps Bay	1924-25
*	Mrs I Brown	Rondebosch	1926-27
*	Mrs E Collings	Liesbeeck Park	1928-29
*	Mrs N Graham	Gardens	1930-32
*	Mrs E Craik	Green & Sea Pt	1935-36
*	Mrs L Lindsay	Mowbray	1938-40
*	Mrs AM Bell	Muizenberg	1942-44
*	Mrs JW Ford	Wynberg	1946-48
*	Mrs G May	Wynberg	1950-52
*	Mrs I Whiting	Regent	1954-56
*	Miss EM Boyack	Claremont	1957-59
*	Mrs RL Keytel	Camps Bay	1962-64
*	Mrs DG Wray	Plumstead	1966-68
*	Mrs RM Kinsman	Green & Sea Pt	1970-72
*	Mrs KM Murray	Fish Hoek	1974-76
*	Mrs VE Heyne	Camps Bay	1978-80
*	Mrs O van Eeden	Regent	1982-84
*	Mrs G Noll	Crusader	1986-88
*	Mrs E Townes	Constantia	1990-92
*	Mrs E Wonnacott	Meadowridge	1994-96

Past Secretaries (Former W.P.W.B.A.)

*	Mrs E Muter	Gardens	1919-28
*	Mrs VM Osborn	Observatory	1940-42
*	Mrs MG Jones	Regent	1945-55
*	Mrs P Holwill	Liesbeeck Park	1960-66
*	Mrs E Wonnacott	Meadowridge	1984-93
*	Mrs B McDonald	Howard	1993-96
*	Mrs A M Bell	Muizenburg	1928-40
*	Mrs J Sharp	Plumstead	1942-45
*	Mrs J C Nicol	Claremont	1955-60
*	Mrs B Robins	Milnerton	1966-84
*	Mrs C Karpakis	Kuilsrivier	1993

Council Delegates – Meeting May 2024

1	Bellville	None
2	Bergvliet	None
3	Constantia	None
4	CT Military	None
5	Durbanville	Adré Barnard
6	Edgemead	Apologies
7	Fish Hoek	None
8	Fresnaye	Brian Avery
9	Gardens	None
10	Glen CC	Jaye Mendelsohn
11	Goodwood	Apologies
12	Gordon's Bay	None
13	Helderberg	Apologies
14	Hldberg Village	Apologies
15	Kraaifontein	G v Zyl & J Louw
16	Kuilsrivier	J Bezuidenhout & G Bensley
17	Malmesbury	Roux Vermeulen
18	Meadowridge	Mike Higgins
19	Milnerton	Len Steele
20	Mowbray	Neil Jones
21	Oakdale	None
22	Old Oak	Muller Theunissen
23	Parow	None
24	Pinelands	Alan Letcher & Alan Wild
25	Plumstead	None
26	Pollsmoor	Andries Hougaard
27	Somerset W	Doug Skeet
28	Stellenbosch	Apologies
29	Strand	None
30	Sunningdale	Bruce Atherton & Anne Carter
31	Wheatfield	None
32	WPCC	Graham Todd & Gavin Rightford

Clubs Forming the Western Province Bowls Association

Club	Affiliated	Club	Affiliated
Gardens (1896)	1906	Parow	1960
Mowbray	1919	Goodwood	1963
Plumstead	1922	Pollsmoor	1967
Fresnaye	1929	Constantia	1971
Pinelands	1929	Old Oak	1972
Strand	1930	Oakdale	1976
Fish Hoek	1932	Kuilsrivier	1977
Somerset West	1937	Sunningdale	1979
Stellenbosch	1943	Gordon's Bay	1979
Bellville	1945	Helderberg	1981
Milnerton	1945	Wheatfield	1983
Malmesbury	1951	Edgemead	1984
Durbanville	1951	Meadowridge	1990
Bergvliet	1952	Kraaifontein	1990
Glen CC	1955	Helderberg Village	1993
WPCC	1959	Cape Town Military (1969)	2008

Notes

Regent (1931) and Oranjezicht (1948) amalgamated to form Atlantic on 01 July 1994.
Three Anchor Bay, formerly Crusaders (1960) amalgamated with Atlantic on 01 July 1998.
Green & Sea Point (1906) amalgamated with Cape Town Stadium (1951) to form Green Point Stadium on 01 July 1999.
Atlantic and Green Point Stadium amalgamated to form Atlantic Green Point on 07 September 2003.

Hout Bay (1954) amalgamated with Camps Bay on 31 July 2003.

Rondebosch (1911) amalgamated with Howard (1956) on 01 August 2005 retaining the name Howard.
Victoria (1973) amalgamated with Pinelands (1922) to form Pinewood on 24 October 1998.
Howard amalgamated with Pinewood, reverting to the name Pinelands on 30 September 2011.

Cambridge-on Sea (1949) amalgamated with Milnerton (1945) on 19 January 2012, retaining the name Milnerton.

W.P.C.C. (1977), formerly Shell (1959-1969) and Impala (1969-1977); amalgamated with Keurboom (1948) on 01 October 2000 retaining the name W.P.C.C.

Koeberg (1979) moved and changed name to Sunningdale on 01 May 2010.

Defence Western Province (1969) changed name to Cape Town Military (2006).
Cape Town Military re-affiliated in 2008.

Observatory (1919) and Liesbeeck Park (1930) amalgamated to form Hartleyvale on 26 August 1995.
Tafelberg (1995), formerly Clarendon (1989), merged with Hartleyvale on 13 August 2002 retaining the name Tafelberg.
Marist (1952) & Tafelberg amalgamated to form Rondebosch on 13 August 2011.

Clubs previously affiliated

South Peninsula (1923-1962); Bellville Prisons (1958-1966 & 1972-1977); King David (1956-1980); Southern Life (1960-1983); Vredehoek (1951-1988); Vlottenberg (1955-1981 &1986-1999); Valkenberg (1961-1992); Spioenkop (1985-1992); Willow (1986-1992) formally BESL (1956-1986); Maitland (1935-1995); Castle (1966-1996) formally Typos (1962-1966) formally Woodstock (1928-1962); Old Mutual (1951-1996); Simon's Town (1957-2001); Defence Boland (1980-2002) formerly Langebaanweg (1966-1980); Hill Park (1951-2002); Sanlam (1987-2002); Claremont (1923-2003); Muizenberg (1919-2005); Paarl (1934-2005); Rygersdal (1975-2005); Clovelly (1945-2006); Thornton (1962-2011);Wynberg (1906-2012); Atlantic (1906-2016); Camps Bay (1920-2020); Jaggers (1953-2020). SA Police (1964-2023); Rondebosch (2011-2023)

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Notice is hereby given that the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of Western Province Bowls will be held on Saturday 17th August 2024 at Pinelands Bowling Club, commencing at 09h30.

NOTE In terms of Clause 6.8.5 of the Association's Constitution a Member of any Member Club and representatives of the Press and Media shall be admitted to all Meetings of the Council (save where the Council shall move into Committee) but shall not participate in the business of the meeting nor be entitled to vote.

NOTE The Members of the Clubs referred to in the foregoing and elsewhere in the report and Notices of Motion and Recommendations by the Executive shall mean Bona Fide Members who shall be those who are either Life Members, Honorary Life Members with full privileges, Ordinary members liable for full subscriptions or Junior members. Members in default with any Club, Honorary Members, Country Members, or any Members of similar status, whatever their designation, shall not be considered Bona Fide.

AGENDA

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. Welcome by the President with a special welcome extended to our sponsors and guests.
3. To call the roll of Delegates (Recorded on arrival).
4. To receive apologies (Recorded on arrival).
5. Record Obituaries for the year.
6. Address by Greg Nasson/Mark Gibbs, Director of Personal Trust.
7. To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (19th August 2023).
8. To consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the year - 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
9. To present recommendations of the Executive.
   9.1. WP Affiliation Fees

10. Finance:
    10.1. To consider, and if approved, adopt: The Audited Western Province Bowls Association's Financial Statements for the year 01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024.
    10.2. To present the 2024-2025 Budget.

11. Motions for approval and adoption:

11.1. To be presented at the BSA AGM

7.1 By Bowls South Africa Executive [WPBA Executive in favour of 6% increase]
To increase subscription fees payable to Bowls SA by 10% (ten percent) based on the last fees paid in January 2024.

MOTIVATION
The core objective of Bowls SA is to develop and promote the sport of bowls. With ongoing cost increases, and the depreciation of the rand versus major international

currencies, it is the opinion of the Executive that to control our financial stability a modest increase of 10% (ten percent) is required.

7.2 By Associate Member – BDSA [WPBA Executive in favour]

To accept Bowls for the Disabled South Africa (BDSA), with Physically Disabled Bowlers South Africa (PDBSA) and Visually Impaired Bowlers South Africa (VIBSA) as its member organisations, as an Associate Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

Having BDSA as an Associate member of Bowls SA will allow for enhanced co-operation between Bowls SA and DBSA (including PDBSA and VIBSA). The enhanced co-operation is especially important as World Bowls moves cater for the visually impaired and physically disabled in World Bowls events i.e. World Championships and the World Cup. Bowls SA will also be able to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BDSA to ensure proper co-ordination and collaboration between the two organisations.

7.3 By Associate Member - Nomads South Africa [WPBA Executive in favour]

To accept the Nomads Southern Africa as an Associate Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

Having the Nomads Southern Africa as an Associate Member of Bowls SA will allow for the enhanced cooperation between Bowls SA and the Nomads Southern Africa. The enhanced co-operation is especially important as Bowls SA looks at ways of assisting smaller Clubs to not only enhance their membership but to also allow members from the smaller Clubs to be able to participate in National, Provincial (Regional) and/or District events. Bowls SA will also be able to enter into a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Nomads Southern Africa to ensure proper co-ordination and collaboration between the two organisations.

7.4 By Associate Member - Professional Bowls Association South Africa [WPBA Executive in favour]

To accept the Professional Bowls Association South Africa (PBA South Africa) as an Associate Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

Having PBA South Africa as an Associate Member will enhance the co-operation between Bowls SA and the PBA South Africa. The enhanced co-operation between Bowls SA and PBA South Africa is especially important as Bowls SA looks at ways to enhance the prospects of all Bowlers in South Africa. The PBA South Africa as a member of the PBA International, presenters of the World Bowls Tour, gives South African bowlers additional possibilities of gaining experiences, not only on indoor bowling greens, but internationally. Bowls SA will also be able to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PBA South Africa to ensure proper co-ordination and collaboration between the two organisations.

7.5 By the Eastern Cape Bowls Board [WPBA Executive not in favour]

The Eastern Cape Provincial Bowls Association would like to propose an amendment to clause 23.3.1 of the Bowls South Africa Constitution to read as follows:

Provincial Bowls Associations shall receive one vote for each R250, 000 (Two hundred and fifty thousand Rand) or part thereof fees paid to Bowls South Africa. Such value to be determined on the Rand contribution paid at the 1st January 2024.

MOTIVATION
With the recent changes to the Constitution whereby Districts and hence Provinces are encouraged to register all participants on their database, as there exists a potential for the numbers of 'casual' participants to inflate the voting strength of Provinces to the extent that the control of Bowls South Africa could be vested in a couple of provinces hence creating the scenario where participants of the so called 'smaller' Provinces could to all intents and purposes be of no value when voting takes place. The adoption of this proposal will result in Bowls South Africa being governed by Council in voting strength the same as that before the change in charging for contribution to Bowls South Africa.

Eastern Cape Provincial Bowls would like to place on record that it categorically believes that all Provincial bodies act with complete integrity when exercising their current voting rights but simply place this motion before Council in order to give recognition of the role so-called 'smaller' Provinces play in the governance of Bowls South Africa affairs.

7.6 By Mpumalanga Bowls Board [WPBA Executive not in favour]
To move Inter Districts Tournament to middle March.

MOTIVATION
The Mpumalanga Executive Committee respectfully requests the BSA to reschedule the Inter Districts Tournament to mid-March due to financial year-end commitments, making it challenging for players with businesses and managerial positions to prepare adequately.

11.2. **Motion from Pollsmoor Bowling Club**
I hereby propose to amend the constitution in the following manner.
Voting at any Council meeting is currently covered under clause 6.3.1 and says the following:

Each Club represented at any meeting of Council by its delegate, alternate delegate or approved substitute delegate shall be entitled to one vote, plus one additional vote for each completed fifty of its registered members, with a maximum of five votes.

My proposal is to replace it with the following:

Each Club represented at any meeting of Council by its delegate, alternate delegate or approved substitute delegate shall be entitled to only one vote.

MOTIVATION
As clarification, the clause pertaining to additional votes per number of registered members must be removed. This is to avoid bigger clubs to "overpower" smaller clubs with regards to decisions taken by councils etc. Clubs in WP are shrinking, therefore voting weights could have a negative impact on smaller clubs depending on the proposals voted for.

11.3. Motion from Milnerton Bowling Club

That the **Tea Fee** (commonly referred to as Green Fee) be increased from R25 to R35.

MOTIVATION
At Milnerton BC, as with other clubs, we believe in providing greens, when Flag, Muter and other WP matches are played, that are as close to perfect as possible. Beside this, we want to ensure that all competitors enjoy their experience by providing snacks/sandwiches which are tasty and of a high quality. We are, however, experiencing difficulty in meeting these standards because of the "fee" that is being paid when WP Competitions are being played.
As everyone is aware, costs are escalating as far as equipment, fertilisers and ingredients are concerned. This increase is, we believe, not exorbitant and would encourage clubs to be in a position to provide tasty teas and sandwiches.

11.4 Motion from Durbanville Bowling Club

Dual Membership
We would like to propose that members who have dual membership at a club be required to select which club they will play at for ALL WP competitions for the upcoming season at the beginning of each season (affiliated club or dual club). It does not need to be their affiliated club - it could be their dual club, should they so choose.

MOTIVATION
This will prevent players from hopping back and forth between dual clubs as it pleases them, simplify competition administration and promote loyalty and commitment for at least one season to a club. This will also assist club selectors in their duties.

12. Presentation of Long Service Awards & Certificates
13. To Elect Honorary Life Members
14. To deal with any Correspondence

15. To elect Executive Committee Members for the incoming season 2024-2026

The Executive Committee as per the WPBA Constitution:

7.1 Composition

7.1.1 The Executive shall consist of nine members, three of whom shall be elected President, Vice-President, and Treasurer respectively.

7.1.2 At least two of the members shall be of the opposite gender and no Club shall have more than two members on the Executive.

7.1.3 All of the above shall be elected by Council at an Annual General Meeting or Adjourned Annual General Meeting.

7.1.4 The Executive shall be elected for a period of 2 years after which the procedure as prescribed in paragraph 7.2 of the Constitution will be effective.

The positions and nominations (in italics) are as follows:

President	Mr Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville) - in second year of term
Vice-President	Mr Tony Harland (Durbanville) – unopposed as Vice-President
Treasurer	Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor) - in second year of term
Executive of six	*Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead) – appointed in terms of clause 7.1.2*
	Mr Danie de Klerk (Bellville)
	Mr Eddie Douglas (Constantia)
	Mr Grant Rightford (Glen)
	Mr John Blight (Oakdale)
	Mr Jonathan Cochrane (Edgemead)
	Mr Mark Gibbs (WPCC)
	Mr Nico Taljaard (Somerset West)

Mr Gerrit van Milligen, Ms Joy Calvert and Mr Tony Harland were elected for a 2-year period in August 2023 and their current terms expire in August 2025.
Mr Tony Harland was not opposed as Vice President and is appointed to the position.
Ms Marianna Kirsten is appointed as an Executive Member to meet the requirements of Clause 7.1.2 which requires at least 2 members of each gender on the Executive.

There are 5 vacancies for Executive Members, with 7 nominations received. An election will be held to fill these vacancies.

16. Any other matters

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Minutes of the One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Western Province Bowls held at Pinelands Bowling Club on Saturday 19 August 2023 at 09h30.

PRESENT: G van Milligen (President), M Douglas (Vice President), J Griffiths (Treasurer)
Executive: M Kirsten, M Gibbs, N Solomon J Calvert & S Fourie
Administration: D Vermeulen & C Nurrish
Apologies: None

1. **To read the Notice Convening the Meeting**
   The notice convening the meeting was read and the meeting opened at 09h30.

2. **Welcome by the President to Life Members, Past Executive Members, Council Delegates**
   GvM welcomed life member Graeme Kemp.

3. **To call the roll of Delegates (recorded on arrival)**

   28 Clubs attended
   Bellville, Bergvliet, Constantia, Durbanville, Edgemead, Fish Hoek, Fresnaye, Glen CC, Goodwood, Gordon's Bay, Helderberg, Kraaifontein, Kuilsrivier, Malmesbury, Meadowridge, Milnerton, Mowbray, Oakdale, Old Oak, Parow, Pinelands, Plumstead, Pollsmoor, Somerset West, Stellenbosch, Strand, Sunningdale & WPCC

   Also in attendance
   Representatives D de Klerk (Men's Selector).
   Nominees J Schmidt, E Ferreira, T Harland.

4. To receive Apologies
   No apologies – CT Military, Gardens, Helderberg Village, Rondebosch and Wheatfield.

5. **Record Obituaries for the Year**
   The President stated that the list of members who had passed on during the period 1 July 2022 and June 2023 was included in the Annual Report. A moment of silence was held in honour of those who had passed.

6. **Address by Mark Gibbs, Director of Personal Trust**
   Mark addressed the meeting and wished the WP Bowls Executive a good year along with all the bowlers. At Personal Trust appreciate the support they receive from bowlers, and they are looking forward to once again being able to assist WP Bowls. Mark thanked Fairtree for their new sponsorship and appealed for other sponsors to come aboard.

   The President then thanked Personal Trust for their valued sponsorship which was most appreciated, and it was a privilege to have such a sponsor.

7. **To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (20th August 2022)**

The minutes of the 116th Annual General Meeting held on 20th August 2022 were taken as read. Proposed and seconded by Malmesbury & Goodwood respectively.

Matters arising
None

8. **To consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the year 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2023.**
Proposed and seconded by Edgemead and Malmesbury respectively. Roux Vermeulen expressed his club's appreciation to the Greens Care SC for their help during the year.

9. **To consider, and if approved, adopt:**

9.1. The audited WPB Financial Statements for the year 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023
The Treasurer apologised for the late distribution of the audited AFS and explained the income statement. By containing expenses and not running some events we ended the year at a small profit. She explained the move to working from home and the consequent savings after some setup costs. Answering a question from the floor Jenny explained the Lotto money would be used for clothing, training etc.

Acceptance of the Annual Financial Statements was proposed by Meadowridge and seconded by Goodwood.

9.2. The 2023 – 2024 Budget
The Treasurer explained the structure of the budget and the need to increase our income. BSA fees and Wynberg & Littler Funds are "in and out amounts" and are recorded as such. Regarding WP fees the proposal was to increase membership fees by 6%. We need more sponsors for the District. Operational costs cover all the standing committees. Our biggest expense is the Inter-Districts – all costs have risen astronomically.

There was a query regarding staff salaries, these were increased by 5% but the figures in the income statement reflect a large increase. This will be investigated by the financial staff.

The under 30s are setting a good example on fund raising.

The under 45s raised about R 36 000 for their recent ID in Oudtshoorn.

Roux Vermeulen (Malmesbury) suggested that all fund raising, and sponsorship be funnelled through Mark Gibbs to maintain continuity. A circular will be sent to all clubs about this.

The modified Budget was approved – proposed and seconded by Meadowridge and Helderberg respectively.

10. **Motions for changes**

10.1. To be presented at BSA AGM:

7.1 By Bowls SA Executive (WP in favour)
To increase subscription fees payable to Bowls SA by 6% (Six percent) based on the last fee paid during January 2023.

Motivation

The last increase in subscription fees was implemented during January 2019. Subsequent to this the country experienced the Covid pandemic which placed financial burdens on Clubs, Districts and Provinces. Bowls SA was acutely aware of the financial stress caused by the pandemic and for this reason also sought to minimise financial costs to these institutions. Due to decreased activities such as capacity building and event participation Bowls SA was able to sustain itself without recourse to its members. This proposed increase is thus the first in Three years and it comes as normal activities are resumed. The proposed percentage increase is below current CPI which has always been the benchmark strived for when seeking revenue increases.

7.2 By Bowls South Africa Executive (WP not in favour)

The Executive wish to propose a change to the resolution taken by Council in 2015 that determined that the BSA Junior Nationals would be permanently held in Bloemfontein, with the SFS being the hosting District.

Motivation

The Executive would like to bring the Junior Nationals in line with the other BSA National tournaments and give the youth the opportunity to travel to other Districts each year. This will give players the opportunity to have a home tournament when the tournament is allocated to their District and also afford them the opportunity of competing and experiencing other Clubs and Greens. The current system whereby each team that enters is given an equal amount to help with costs, depending on the budget will be revised. The idea being that there will be 3 scales –

- *Closest to the Hosting District*
- *Neighbouring Districts*
- *Far away districts*

11. Presentation of Long Service Awards and certificates

There were no proposals for Long Service Awards

12. To elect Honorary Life Members

There were no proposals for Honorary Life membership.

13. To deal with any Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

14. To elect Executive Committee Members for the incoming season 2023 – 2024

The President explained to the meeting that there had been a misunderstanding regarding Ms Soekie Fourie's tenure on the committee and asked the meeting for permission to accept her late nomination which was unanimously accepted. The President gave special thanks to Ms Jenny Griffiths for her exceptional input to the Executive and wished her well in her role at BSA. He also thanks Mr Noel Solomon for his service and the way he has raised the awareness of bowls with his coverage of events on his You Tube channel. Noel responded that he would continue to do this for Bowls.

The following Executive members were unopposed in their nominations as members of the Executive:

President	Mr Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville)
Treasurer	Ms Joy Calvert

Executive members (going into their 2nd year – so no election)

Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead)
Mr Mark Gibbs (WPCC)

After a vote was taken Mark Douglas was elected as Vice-President for a further two years and after a further vote Soekie Fourie, Janet Schmidt, Eugene Ferreira & Tony Harland were elected to the Executive Committee.

Hence the full Executive Committee for the years 2023-2024 is:

President	Mr Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville)
Vice President	Mr Mark Douglas (Mowbray)
Treasurer	Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor)

Executive members

Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead)
Mr Mark Gibbs (WPCC)
Ms Susanna Fourie (Somerset West)
Ms Janet Schmidt (Kraaifontein)
Mr Eugene Ferreira (Goodwood)
Mr Tony Harland (Durbanville)

The meeting agreed to destroy the ballot papers.

15. Any Other matters

15.1. WPCC stated that the Conditions of Play must stay the same for each tournament and not change between rounds as happened in the WP Fours.

15.2. Pollsmoor queried how the selectors and managers of Inter-District teams are selected and who they are. The Executive explained the nomination process and listed the selectors:

Men	Ladies
Danie de Klerk	Sandy Wehrli
Noel Solomon	Anita Groenewald
Mark Gibbs	Nina Painter
Tori Sabatti	Lynda Nurrish
Vacant	Paulina Dockendorff

15.3. Glen CC queried the rule regarding direction of play in practice before WP games and this will be added to the agenda for the CoP/Competitions meeting to be held.

15.4. Greens Care SC were queried whether they check that clubs move their rinks to different markers regularly.

15.5. Constantia queried affiliation fees: WP Bowls invoice clubs according to the number of registered players. We are surveying other Districts to see what they do but any change to our system will require substantial changes to the Constitution.

15.6. Nomads requested that their events be added to the WP Calendar.

15.7. Roux Vermeulen (Malmesbury) thanked the Executive Committee for all their work in the year.

16. Thanks.

The President thanked the Executive for all their hard work during the year and closed the meeting at 11h00.

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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INTERNATIONAL

International Bowls for the Disabled World Championships

This tournament was hosted by South Africa and held in Ekurhuleni from 18 to 31 May 2024.

Gold
B3 Women's Singles - **Princess Schroeder** (Protea) - Visually Impaired
Graham Ward (Protea Director)

Silver
B2 Women's Singles - **Michelle Eshun** (Protea) - Visually Impaired
Jene McCourt (Protea Director)

B6 Mixed Pairs - **Eddie van der Heiden** (Protea) - Physically Disabled

Bronze
B4 Mixed Singles - **Roy Pieters** (VIBSA Substitute) - Visually Impaired
Charles Collen (Protea Director)

The **Protea** Side won the combined **Team trophy**.

African States Tournament

This tournament will take place in Orapa, Botswana from 23 to 26 September 2024.

Anneke Scheepers has been selected for the South African team.

BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA

Masters Singles Championships

The tournament was hosted by Gauteng North at Wingate Park in Pretoria from 9 to 11 February 2024.

The following players from Western Province were selected to participate.

Open Masters Women	**Claire Cowan** **Elma Louw** **Anneke Scheepers** (Anneke was selected but withdrew for personal reasons)
Under 30 Masters Women	**Gillian Young**

Mixed Pairs Championships

The tournament was hosted by Kwa-Zulu Natal Country Bowls at the Newcastle Bowling Club from 18 to 21 July 2024.

Bronze	**Neil Burkett** and **Olivia Carulei**	

Junior National Championships

The tournament was hosted by Southern Free State in Bloemfontein from 22 to 25 March 2024.

Under 15

Gold	WP A	**Vigo Alves, Thando Magwaca, Jordané Castle, Divan Laubscher**
Spirit Award	WP B	**Wilmien Smuts, Surina Bezuidenhout, Hannah Havenga, Anzel Benadé**

Men's National Championships 2024

The tournament was hosted by the Johannesburg Bowls Association from 4 to 12 May 2024.

Open Singles	Quarter Final	**Tyler Pitcher**
	Last 16	**Glynn Fourie**
	Last 16	**Junaid Alcock**

Women's National Championships 2024

The tournament was hosted by Western Province Bowls from 20 to 28 April 2024.

Open Singles	Gold	**Anneke Scheepers**
	Silver	**Sylvia Burns**
	Bronze	**Elma Louw**
	Quarter Final	**Megan Ferreira**
	Last 16	**Colleen Meyer**
Veteran Singles	Bronze	**Darryl Edwards**
	Quarter Final	**Linda Clark**

	Last 16	**Jane de Villiers**
Fours	Gold	**Taz Bright & Colleen Marshall**
	Quarter Final	**Maggie van Zyl, Karen van Noort, Angie de Wet, Debbie Phillips**
	Quarter Final	**Moira Standley, Darryl Edwards, Linda Clark, Linda Stringer**
Pairs	Bronze	**Lydia Maritz & Noeleen Hogan**
	Bronze	**Maggie van Zyl & Debbie Phillips**
	Quarter Final	**Anneke Scheepers & Megan Ferreira**
	Last 16	**Elize vd Sandt & Denise Vermeulen**
	Last 16	**Gillian Young**

Bowls for the Disabled National Championships

The tournament was hosted by Western Province Bowls at Helderberg and Somerset West, from 16 to 25 March 2024.

Visually Impaired – B1

Men's Singles	Gold	**Gamiet Fortune & Lappies Labuschagne**
Women's Singles	Gold	**Wendy Brymer & Pat Visser**
Men's Pairs	Gold	**Corrie Brits & Taz Bright and Gamiet Fortune & Lappies Labuschagne**

Visually Impaired – B2

Women's Singles	Gold	**Michelle Eshun & Jene McCourt**
Mixed Pairs	Gold	**Michelle Eshun & Jene McCourt and Francois Neethling & Danny Loots**
Men's Singles	Gold	**Abe Crouse & Cynthia McDuling**

Visually Impaired – B3

Women's Singles	Silver	**Princess Schroeder & Graham Ward**
Mixed Pairs	Gold	**Princess Schroeder & Graham Ward and Lindsay & Dion Engelbrecht**
	Silver	**Avril Davids & Fikile Vilakazi Alberts and Roy Peters & Victor Trew**
Men's Singles	Bronze	**Chris Delcarme & Sidney Africa**

Team Trophy **Peninsula Blind Bowlers**

'A' Inter-Districts
Hosted by the Eastern Province from 4 to 8 March 2024.

The **Women's** team won **Silver**.

Men — **Manager – Danie de Klerk**

Skip	**Nicholas Rusling**	WPCC	**Eugene Ferreira**	Goodwood
Third	**Stefan Koen**	Somerset West	**Johnny de Sousa**	Goodwood
Second	**Adré Barnard**	Durbanville	**Morne Scheepers**	Goodwood
Lead	**Junaid Alcock**	Glen	**Francois Trotskie**	Goodwood

Women — **SILVER MEDAL WINNERS** — **Manager – Anita Groenewald**

Skip	**Anneke Snyman**	Goodwood	**Maggie van Zyl**	Durbanville
Third	**Claire Cowan**	Mowbray	**Elma Louw**	Mowbray
Second	**Megan Ferreira**	Goodwood	**Lydia Maritz**	Durbanville
Lead	**Ananda Kotze**	Goodwood	**Colleen Marshall**	Constantia

Veteran Inter-Districts
Hosted by Bowls Gauteng North from 4 to 8 March 2024.

The **Men's** team won **Bronze**.
The **Women's** team won **Bronze**.

Men — **BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS** — **Manager – Mark Gibbs**

Skip	**Tony van der Poel**	Edgemead	**Doug Wyatt**	Durbanville
Third	**Theo van der Walt**	Goodwood	**Kevin Smith**	Durbanville
Second	**Kevin Nash**	WPCC	**David Aherne**	Durbanville
Lead	**Gary Nash**	WPCC	**Raysford Cruywagen**	Edgemead

Women — **BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS** — **Manager – Sandy Wehrli**

Skip	**Rita Himschoot**	WPCC	**Cheryl Saunders**	Plumstead
Third	**Thea Blatt**	Somerset West	**Anthea Ritchie**	Edgemead
Second	**Linda Clark**	Constantia	**Carol Nash**	WPCC
Lead	**Colleen Bryant**	WPCC	**Sylvia Burns**	Mowbray

'B' Inter-Districts
Hosted by Eden from 4 to 8 March 2024.

The **Women's** team won **Silver**.
The **Men's** team won **Bronze**.

Men	**BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS**		**Manager – Gerrit van Milligen**	
Skip	**Mitch Voights**	Durbanville	**Peter Harvey**	Constantia
Third	**Ferdi Alves**	Goodwood	**Nicky Crawford**	Old Oak
Second	**Wilfred Hoyose**	Glen	**Andre Robbertse**	Glen
Lead	**Armand Ascaray**	Edgemead	**Zandre Herselman**	Goodwood

Women	**SILVER MEDAL WINNERS**		**Manager – Lynda Nurrish**	
Skip	**Marianna Kirsten**	Plumstead	**Jenny Wade**	Mowbray
Third	**Ronel Petersen**	Constantia	**Angela Woolf**	Goodwood
Second	**Cheryl Truter**	Goodwood	**Anneke Buys**	Durbanville
Lead	**Michelle Corneilse**	Plumstead	**Ineke Spangenberg**	Helderberg

Training Camps

The Bowls South Africa Gold and Green Squad camps are held twice a year at The Nest in the Drakensberg.

The following players were invited to attend camps this year.

Gold Squad – 19 to 22 January 2024
Anneke Snyman

Green Squad – 4 to 7 July 2024
Claire Cowan
Ananda Kotze
Elma Louw
Fikile Vilakazi Alberts
Gillian Young

Green Squad – 17 to 20 October 2024
Armand Ascaray

PERSONAL TRUST ALL CAPE TOURNAMENT

Women

The Women's tournament was hosted by Eden Bowls from 7 to 13 April 2024.

Cup	Gold	**Claire Cowan, Elma Louw, Fikile Vilakazi Alberts, Colleen Bryant**
	Silver	**Marianna Kirsten, Paulina Dockendorff, Michelle Corneilse, Tracey Rix**
	Bronze	**Lydia Maritz, Maria Orsmond, Noeleen Hogan, Cecilia Gordon**
	Bronze	**Anthea Ritchie, Donna McConnell, Janet Bradbury**
Plate	Gold	**Maggie van Zyl, Margaret Thomas, Crystelle Herholdt, Debbie Phillips**
Bowl	Bronze	**Hildagonda Brand, Cornelia Swart, Rona Grobler, Marlene Batt, Julia Paterson**

Men

The Men's tournament was hosted by Eden Bowls from 14 to 20 April 2024.

Cup	Bronze	**Nico Taljaard, Stefan Koen, Nick Byrne, Beyers Herbst**
	Bronze	**Richard Truter, Ashley Carter, Nico de Bruyn, John Blight, Kobus Hougaard**
Plate	Gold	**Johnny de Sousa, Dave vd Walt, Carl Marshall, Kobus du Toit**

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS

Obituaries

In memory of those Members who passed away during the season we provide the following list reflecting their names as reported to us. To the relatives and friends who suffered bereavement we offer our most sincere sympathy and condolences.

Life Member	Doug Coughlan
Bergvliet	Alan Dolby Martin Hunt
Durbanville	Albert Ahrens Bryan Stewart
Edgemead	Jamen Knipe Roger Russell Ilana van der Merwe Benjamin Le Roux
Fish Hoek	Jean Smythe Keith Bradshaw Alan Maxwell
Glen CC	John Brady
Gordon's Bay	Anton van der Westhuizen
Helderberg	Doug Coughlan
Helderberg Village	Graham Crimp Lindsay Jamieson
Kraaifontein	Benito Dreyer
Meadowridge	Rita Hayes
Milnerton	Simon Bezuidenhout Trevor Roberts Ray Milne Lawrie Patrick
Old Oak	Hannetjie Morland Ivan Vercuil Barnie van Huyssteen Fred Goosen Dave Thomas Pietie Benadie Willie Truter Nick Du Preez
Pinelands	Pamela van Schoor
Plumstead	T. Ackerman J. van Schalkwyk
Stellenbosch	Garry Rosendorff Lynn van der Vegte
Strand	Frikkie Carstens
Wheatfield	Yvonne Jansen Lincoln Easton
WPCC	N Daly Edith Knight Wayne Meinesz

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met ten times, with either face to face or on-line meetings during the year. Apart from the formal meetings, the Executive frequently took the opportunity to discuss business when they met at the finals of the various Championships and elsewhere. Use of WhatsApp and email also helped to assist the smooth running of the Association's affairs.

Council

Apart from the Annual General Meeting held on 19 August 2023, Council met on 11 November 2023 and 4 May 2024. The representation of the individual Clubs at the Meetings was as follows:

11 November 2023

Club	Present	Apology	Absent
Bellville	✓		
Bergvliet	✓		
Cape Town Military			✓
Constantia			✓
Durbanville	✓		
Edgemead	✓		
Fish Hoek			✓
Fresnaye			✓
Gardens			✓
Glen CC	✓		
Goodwood	✓		
Gordon's Bay		✓	
Helderberg	✓		
Helderberg Village			✓
Kraaifontein	✓		
Kuilsrivier	✓		
Malmesbury	✓		

Club	Present	Apology	Absent
Meadowridge	✓		
Milnerton	✓		
Mowbray	✓		
Oakdale			✓
Old Oak	✓		
Parow			✓
Pinelands	✓		
Plumstead	✓		
Pollsmoor	✓		
Rondebosch			✓
SA Police			✓
Somerset West	✓		
Stellenbosch	✓		
Strand			✓
Sunningdale	✓		
Wheatfield			✓
WPCC	✓		

4 May 2024

Club	Present	Apology	Absent
Bellville	✓		
Bergvliet			✓
Cape Town Military			✓
Constantia			✓
Durbanville	✓		
Edgemead		✓	
Fish Hoek			✓
Fresnaye	✓		
Gardens			✓
Glen CC	✓		
Goodwood		✓	
Gordon's Bay			✓
Helderberg		✓	
Helderberg Village			✓
Kraaifontein	✓		
Kuilsrivier	✓		
Malmesbury	✓		

Club	Present	Apology	Absent
Meadowridge	✓		
Milnerton	✓		
Mowbray	✓		
Oakdale			✓
Old Oak	✓		
Parow			✓
Pinelands	✓		
Plumstead			✓
Pollsmoor	✓		
Rondebosch			✓
SA Police			✓
Somerset West	✓		
Stellenbosch		✓	
Strand			✓
Sunningdale	✓		
Wheatfield			✓
WPCC	✓		

Membership

Membership on 30 June of each year.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Clubs	37	37	37	36	36	36	36	34	34	34	32
Women	1125	1109	1072	1046	1056	1168	1054	936	741	1002	1014
Men	1936	1867	1861	1811	1777	1801	1790	1619	1237	1674	1725
Total	**3061**	**2976**	**2933**	**2857**	**2833**	**2969**	**2844**	**2555**	**1978**	**2676**	**2739**

Western Province Bowls Championships & Competitions

Entries Received

MEN		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Flag	Sides	71/11	72/7	69/7	105	99	-	84	82	83
Fours	Teams	63	62	67	73	-	-	68	80	84
Triples	Teams	96	96	-	109	-	113	112	125	116
Pairs	Teams	175	152	-	168	-	180	188	198	184
Singles Open	Players	138	124	-	125	136	122	125	134	142
Veterans	Players	88	84	-	90	78	90	78	99	108
Novices	Players	95	83	91	80	91	84	86	83	83
Champ of Champ	Players	30	25	27	30	-	28	31	27	27
Novice CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	21	24
Fives	Teams	38	45	45	63	61	71	-	-	-
Mid-Week	Teams	74	68	71	63	-	-	-	-	-

WOMEN		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Muter	Sides	48/14	47/8	47/3	46	39	-	35	36	40
Fours	Teams	37	33	36	33	-	-	39	45	52
Triples	Teams	64	48	-	50	-	59	51	57	57
Pairs	Teams	72	68	-	71	-	84	95	85	85
Singles Open	Players	50	51	-	49	54	55	58	63	59
Veterans	Players	38	37	-	34	44	42	34	44	44
Novices	Players	41	27	47	46	53	39	41	41	61
Champ of Champ	Players	28	25	23	25	-	28	24	28	27
Novice CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	17	19
Sully	Teams	54	50	45	42	30	-	-	-	-
Fives	Teams	37	41	32	36	40	40	-	-	-
Mid-week	Teams	29	28	22	-	-	-	-	-	-

MIXED		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Mixed Pairs	Teams	175	158	184	176	184	184	204	227	227
Trips League	Teams	14	12	17	20	23	-	26	30	29
Midweek	Teams	-	-	-	-	66	73	61	56	53
Fives	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	100	95
Power Trips	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	84	64	52	-
PRO-10	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	39	-

Flag

Premier	Winners	**Goodwood**
	Runners-Up	**Durbanville**
Division 1	Winners	**Constantia**
	Runners-Up	**Durbanville**
Division 2	Winners	**Goodwood**
	Runners-Up	**Meadowridge**
Division 3	Winners	**Fish Hoek**
	Runners-Up	**Wheatfield**
Division 4	Winners	**Durbanville**
	Winners	**Constantia**

Muter

Premier	Winners	**Durbanville**
	Runners-Up	**Edgemead**
Division 1	Winners	**Pollsmoor**
	Runners-Up	**Somerset West**
Division 2	Winners	**Milnerton**
	Runners-Up	**Kuilsriver**

Trips League

Division 1	Winners	**Parow**
	Runners-Up	**Fish Hoek**
Division 2	Winners	**Constantia**
	Runners-Up	**Stellenbosch**
Division	Winners	**Milnerton**
	Runners-Up	**Edgemead**

Midweek

Winners	**Mark Douglas** **Jene McCourt**	**Nick Byrne** **Sylvia Burns**	**Taz Bright**	Mowbray
Runners-Up	**Ian Saunders** **Linda Stringer**	**Peter Cottrell** **Cheryl Saunders**	**Brian Pearman**	Plumstead
Semi-Finalists	**Neil Burkett** **Gary Lyttle**	**Tom van Vlaanderen**	**Errol Manuel**	Mowbray
	Lionel Verwey **Graeme Kemp**	**P Galanos**	**C Du Plooy**	Edgemead

Fours

Men

Winners	**Herman Huisamen** **Jeff Murray**	**N Solomon**	**Ian Hampshire**	Goodwood
Runners-Up	**Tony vd Poel** **GD Morison**	**George Roos**	**Tony O'Reilly**	Edgemead
Semi-Finalists	**Paul Rist** **Craig Fisher**	**Andre de Jongh**	**Gary Lyttle**	Mowbray
	Dean Jackson **J Coetzer**	**J Smitsdorff**	**EM Glanvill**	Milnerton

Ladies

Winners	**Lydia Maritz** **Noeleen Hogan**	**Gillian Young**	**Maria Osmond**	Durbanville
Runners-Up	**Maggie van Zyl** **Debbie Phillips**	**Crystelle Herholdt**	**Audrey Dewhurst**	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	**Kim Kiely** **Diane Pienaar**	**Marlise Pentz**	**Tanya Allan**	Durbanville
	Rita Himschoot **Di Bennett**	**C Nash**	**Colleen Bryant**	WPCC

Fives

Winners	**Helio Andrade** **Richard Truter**	**Nico de Bruyn** **Kobus Hougaard**	**John Blight**	Oakdale
Runners-Up	**Tyler Pitcher** **A Barnard**	**J Butler** **G Young**	**M de Wet**	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	**Mike Blacker** **Mark Windell**	**Patrick Terry** **Geoff Heath**	**Gordon Makalima**	Bergvliet
	Nic Rusling **Stephan Kotze**	**Ryan Truter** **Ananda Kotze**	**Cheryl Truter**	Goodwood

Mixed Pairs

Winners	**Neil Burkett**	**Olivia Carulei**	Mowbray
Runners-Up	**Etienne Malherbe**	**Marlise Pentz**	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	**DM Blatt**	**B Herbst**	Somerset West
	Stefan Koen	**A Painter**	Somerset West

Neil Burkett and Olivia Carulei represented the district at the SA Mixed Pairs Championships in Kwa-Zulu Natal (Newcastle) from 18 to 21 July 2024, winning a Bronze medal.

Pairs

Men

Winners	**Schalk Kotze**	**Attie Nel**	Old Oak
Runners-Up	**Armand Ascaray**	**Raysford Cruywagen**	Edgemead
Semi-Finalists	**Lekraam Samaai**	**Dion Johnson**	Mowbray
	Wally Brown	**C Snyman**	Old Oak

Ladies

Winners	**S Mckay-Vlok**	**Jene McCourt**	Helderberg
Runners-Up	**R Pietersen**	**J Schoeman**	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	**Angela Woolf**	**C Truter**	Goodwood
	Otilia Fernandes-Du Rand	**S Dos Santos**	Milnerton

Trips

Men

Winners	**G Rosslee**	**A Robbertse**	**Junaid Alcock**	Glen
Runners-Up	**Adriaan Fourie**	**John Fouche**	**AM Zartz**	Stellenbosch
Semi-Finalists	**J Koegelenberg**	**Mark Jamieson**	**Adriaan Marais**	Sunningdale
	Ferdi Alves	**S Rodrigues**	**J Murray & R Ward**	Goodwood

Ladies

Winners	**Lydia Maritz**	**Audrey Dewhurst**	**Noeleen Hogan**	Durbanville
Runners-Up	**M Lambrechts**	**M Du Toit**	**Bertha Lane**	Stellenbosch
Semi-Finalists	**Rita Himschoot**	**Carol Nash**	**Di Bennet**	WPCC
	Anthea Ritchie	**Anita Groenewald**	**Donna Mcconnell**	Edgemead

Singles

Open	**Men**		**Ladies**	
Winners	**Peter Harvey**	Constantia	**Maggie van Zyl**	Durbanville
Runners-Up	**Etienne Malherbe**	Durbanville	**Thea Blatt**	Somerset West
Semi-Finalists	**Kevin Douglas**	Durbanville	**Elma Louw**	Mowbray
	Wilfred Hoyose	Glen	**Jennifer Wade**	Mowbray

Veteran	**Men**		**Ladies**	
Winners	**Jacko van Graan**	Meadowridge	**Lydia Maritz**	Durbanville
Runners-Up	**A Nell**	Somerset West	**A Painter**	Somerset West
Semi-Finalists	**J Rall**	Somerset West	**Lenie Steenkamp**	Stellenbosch
	M Toerien	Old Oak	**Barbara Taylor**	Milnerton

Novice	**Men**		**Ladies**	
Winners	**A Jansen**	Bellville	**K Norman**	Helderberg
Runners-Up	**Louis Mellet**	Old Oak	**Blanche Peens**	Oakdale
Semi-Finalists	**D Burger**	Goodwood	**Brenda Joubert**	Constantia
	B Ohlsson	Pollsmoor	**M Knoetze**	Old Oak

Masters (play postponed to after the AGM due to inclement weather)

Open	Men	Ladies
Winners		
Runners-Up		
Semi-Finalists		

Veteran	Men	Ladies
Winners		
Runners-Up		
Semi-Finalists		

Invitation	Men	Ladies
Winners		
Runners-Up		
Semi-Finalists		

Junior Masters

Under 30

Gold	**Daniel Vaughan**	Constantia
Silver	**Armand Ascaray**	Edgemead
Bronze	**DJF Griebenauw (Jnr)**	Malmesbury
	K Norman	Helderberg

Under 18

Gold	**D Joubert**	Goodwood
Silver	**Ryan Truter**	Goodwood
Bronze	**W Neethling**	Goodwood
	W Langenhoven	Kraaifontein

Champion Of Champions

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	**Francois Trotskie**	Goodwood	**Maggie van Zyl**	Durbanville
Runners-Up	**Raysford Cruywagen**	Edgemead	**Anneke Scheepers**	Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	**D Griebenauw**	Malmesbury	**Nina Painter**	Somerset West
	Grant Tintinger	Helderberg	**Nadine Ascaray**	Edgemead

Novice Champion Of Champions

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	**Shaun Jennings**	Constantia	**Melanie Spammer**	Plumstead
Runners-Up	**Craig September**	Kuilsrivier	**Judy vd Merwe**	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	**JC Guild**	Somerset West	**Maudé Swart**	Oakdale
	Mac Mukuddem	Goodwood	**Shahn van Hyssteen**	Gordon's Bay

Ladies Executive Trophy

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 33.

Winners	**Durbanville**	61 points
Runners-Up	**Helderberg**	16 points
Third	**Somerset West**	15 points

John Edwards Men's Trophy

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 32.

Winners	**Goodwood**	40 points
Runners-up	**Constantia**	33 points
Third	**Durbanville**	24 points

Men's Log For "John Edwards Trophy"

	Flag					Championships			Singles					
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Fours	Trips	Pairs	Vets	Open	Novices	Ch of Ch	Ch of Ch Nov	Total
	12	12	12	12	12	20	20	20	20	20	20	16	16	212
Bellville						1					8			9
Bergvliet														-
Constantia		8			6		1	1		8	1		8	33
Durbanville	4	4			6	2			1	6	1			24
Edgemead						4	1	4	2	1		4		16
Fish Hoek				8										8
Fresnaye														-
Glen CC							8			2				10
Goodwood	8		8			8	2	1		1	2	8	2	40
Gordon's Bay														-
Helderberg												2		2
Kraaifontein														-
Kuilsriver													4	4
Malmesbury												2		2
Meadowridge			4						8					12
Milnerton						2		1						3
Mowbray						3		3		1				7
Oakdale														-
Old Oak								10	2		4			16
Parow														-
Pinelands														-
Plumstead														-
Pollsmoor											2			2
Somerset W							1		7	1	2		2	13
Stellenbosch							5							5
Strand														-
Sunningdale							2							2
Wheatfield				4										4
WPCC														-

Flag Total of 12 points per Division (Winners = 8 and Runners-Up = 4)
Championships (less than 60 entries) Total of 16 points (8 - 4 - 2 - 2)
Championships (more than 60 entries) Total of 20 points (8 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1)

Ladies Log For "Executive Trophy" 2022/23

	Muter			Championships			Singles					
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Fours	Trips	Pairs	Vets	Open	Novices	Ch of Ch	Ch of Ch Nov	Total
	12	12	12	20	20	20	16	16	16	16	16	172
Bellville												-
Bergvliet												-
Constantia					1	4			2			7
Durbanville	8			14	9	1	8	8	1	8	4	61
Edgemead	4				2	1				2		9
Fish Hoek												-
Fresnaye												-
Glen CC												-
Goodwood						3				4		7
Gordon's Bay											2	2
Helderberg						8			8			16
Kraaifontein												-
Kuilsriver			4									4
Malmesbury												-
Meadowridge												-
Milnerton			8			2	2					12
Mowbray								4				4
Oakdale									5		2	7
Old Oak					1				2			3
Parow												-
Pinelands												-
Plumstead					1				1		8	10
Pollsmoor		8										8
Somerset W		4					4	4	1	2		15
Stellenbosch					4		2					6
Strand												-
Sunningdale												-
Wheatfield												-
WPCC				2	2	1						5

Muter Total of 12 points per Division (Winners = 8 and Runners-Up = 4)
Championships (less than 60 entries) Total of 16 points (8 - 4 - 2 - 2)
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WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS - REPORTS

President's Report For 2023-2024

It is astonishing to be presenting another report so soon. I know it has been a year since the last one, but it does feel like only a couple of months have passed. It has been an incredibly busy year.

In my last report I discussed how we had restructured our administration office to cut costs, and completely changed the Executive Structure. These changes have continued to bear fruit with WP Bowls now operating with a much more modern structure.

We had a couple of resignations from the Executive Committee during the year, and it was gratifying to see so much interest in joining the Executive from club members throughout the district. It was only a couple of years ago that we could not fill the Executive without a second round of requests.

There is far more discussion and debate among members about any decision made or action taken by the Executive than a few years ago, and I think this is a wonderful thing. The members of this district are becoming way more involved and passionate about our sport, and this can only bode well for the future.

Sponsorship

Personal Trust is our long-standing headline sponsor, and I don't know how we would manage without them and their commitment to bowls on so many different levels. I cannot thank Personal Trust enough for their support of so many of our clubs, as well as WP Bowls.

Last year I mentioned that we had completed a detailed analysis of the costs of each competition and looking for more targeted sponsorship opportunities. As mentioned in Council meeting, we have since amended this approach and a comprehensive sponsorship proposal document has almost been completed. This document seeks to more clearly define the exposure available through sponsoring bowls and offers different sponsorship opportunities across the whole of WP Bowls, as opposed to only for individual competitions.

We see this new approach as being vital to the growth of our district and hope to have the proposal document ready for distribution shortly.

WP Competitions

With the difficulties of the drought and the Covid pandemic firmly behind us, we have had another packed season of district competitions, albeit with plenty of controversy.

With a growing membership, and increasing participation in District competitions, we are constantly revising and trying to streamline our calendar. This year we required 42 competition days to complete the district competitions, with the season running from the first week in December and completing in July.

This is down from the number of days in previous years. We have reduced the number of days by playing more games per day in competitions where possible and removing the Power Trips from the calendar.

BSA has, however, done completely the opposite. Until 2024, the SA Masters, Inter District tournaments, Disabled Nationals, Men's and Women's National Championships took 11 competition days from the calendar from us.
They also held 2 Gold Squad camps, one that often conflicted with league play, and one outside our competition season. Where clubs had players selected for the Gold Squad, they had to make do without that player for the league on that weekend.

In 2024, the number of days Bowls SA used for the SA Masters, Inter District tournaments, Disabled Nationals, Men's and Women's National Championships increased from 11 to 15 as they held the Men's and Women's national tournaments separately.

They also introduced the Green Squad camps in addition to the Gold Squad camps and asked that districts not hold competitions on the same weekends. This increased the number of days needed for their competitions from 11 in previous years to 19 in 2024.

On top of this we have had an incredibly wet and cold start to Winter, with many areas having the highest rainfall in some 40 years.

I love that these challenges have reignited discussions about the format of competitions and the structure of the calendar, with more members than ever before being involved in the ongoing discussions about restructuring.

I must make a special mention of Barrie Eksteen, who has done a sterling job as Competition Secretary in tough circumstances. Over the past few years, he has streamlined the competition administration completely, with results now being available in hours instead of days. Thank you, Barrie, for all your hard work and energy. As Barrie has resigned from this role, we will shortly be announcing who the new Competition Secretary will be.

BSA Competitions

Jenny Phillips and her team ran an extremely well organised BSA Women's Nationals earlier this year, and feedback from all quarters about our organisation and administration was fantastic.

The Bowls for the Disabled Nationals were also held in our District, and we must thank Graham Ward and his team for the immense amount of work they put into this event. It was a great success.

Finance

Joy Calvert has competed her first year as the new treasurer and has certainly been burning the midnight oil! She has streamlined the accounting structure and redone the budgets so that they are presented in the same format as the financial statements.

The financial portfolio is a lot more than just preparing the financial statements though, and the first year is a huge learning curve.

Lotto and DCAS want ongoing reports on allocated funds, as well as needing new applications to be submitted. There are ongoing requests from Standing Committees and the Executive for funds for a variety of needs, with each one needing to be validated and checked against the budget.

Now that Joy is getting into the swing of things, we will be able to provide management accounts more frequently, together with budget comparisons.

Thank you for your hard work, Denise and Joy.

Membership and Marketing

This is a huge portfolio which achieves so much with so few resources, and the growing awareness of bowls in the Western Cape, and our increasing membership, show the fruits of this hard work. As her report shows, Taz Bright continues to pour her passion into our sport.

I am in favour of the new structure of the Membership and Marketing Standing Committee that Taz proposes and am looking forward to another successful season.

I would like to emphasise again that if any clubs require assistance with Membership and Marketing, they should please reach out to Taz for help.

Selectors

The Men's and Women's Selection Committees have been busy and are both running at full strength. Their presence at WP Competitions, and the number of practices and other events they have organised has certainly ramped up.

This was reflected in the performance of our teams at the Inter District championships, with our medal tally increasing again.

In 2022 we came home with 3 medals (2 Silver and 1 Bronze). This was surpassed in 2023 with the 3 medals including 2 Golds and a Bronze. This year our 6 teams came home with 5 medals! They won 2 Silvers and 3 Bronzes.

Planning for the 2025 events is already well underway, and a lot of work has already been done on setting up a new High-Performance Centre.

A Selectors job is never an easy one, with hundreds of experts judging every decision they make, and I am grateful to all of them for their dedication and commitment.

Coaches

The work being done by our coaches is invaluable and greatly appreciated. They are an integral part of the success of our players and teams. The hard work they do benefits the entire district, growing skills of top players, and developing potential amongst new bowlers.

Their involvement with the selection committees and the growth of Junior bowls is fantastic as well.

I know there are plans to run more courses during the upcoming year and encourage members to put themselves forward and get qualified.

Technical Officials

The backbone of running any competition, our Technical Officials are absolutely essential, and rarely given the recognition that they deserve. They were kept busy again over the last year, with the BSA Women's and Disability Nationals, in addition to all the WP Competitions.

Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Greens Care

One of our hardest working committees, this has been a committed group of members working mostly behind the scenes, but with the results of their work affecting every one of us.

They have responded to a variety of requests for assistance from clubs and requests for reports on greens from the Executive and have always been absolutely thorough and professional in all respects.

In addition to this they continue to grow their website (greenscare.wpbowls.co.za) with invaluable resources, and it is becoming an amazing source of information for anyone looking after greens.

General

There has been a lot of criticism from some members about WP Bowls over the last year, but even more praise and thanks received for the time and work our volunteers put into bowls.

It is worth reminding all members that the members of the Executive and Standing Committees are all volunteers, pouring their hearts and minds in bowls for the love of the sport, and not for any remuneration.

We are all human, and will all make mistakes, but I believe that we are on the right path as a district and continue to be excited about the future.

We have streamlined our administration and management considerably, performed better at national competitions than at any time in recent years, continued to grow membership, have a growing number of juniors, and have ongoing increases in entries to district competitions.

These are all fantastic results independently and combining them shows the strength of teamwork.

Thank you to all our clubs and members for your passion for bowls and thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve you.

It is an honour and a pleasure.

Gerrit van Milligen
President

MARKETING

District Standing Committee for Membership and Marketing – Annual Report 2024

The last year has been the busiest yet, with momentum building on several fronts.

Social Media

Our social media reach suffered a setback with the hacking of our Facebook page, but our reach continues to grow. Without spending large sums of money on market research, it is impossible to say for sure, but we do appear to be slowly getting across the message that younger people also bowl!

Club Involvement

Many clubs in our district are well established with volunteers already doing what is required. Some have a larger membership base that grows organically, and some are just content with the way they are presently. Some clubs have either approached me for assistance, or I have visited them and made suggestions based on their membership numbers.

Growing a club is not a one-month project, it takes time. Personal training and mentorship to create a bowling brain takes time. There are 32 clubs and one Taz.

What has been learnt over the past few years is that spending my time driving to meet with one club after another every day does not achieve much and does not allow enough time for the completion of projects.

In this respect much of my focus over the past 6 months has been at Bergvliet, Wheatfield, Gordon's Bay and Parow.

We do not want to get to a situation where we have only 10 clubs left in the district, and need to make sure that the smaller, struggling clubs are provided with the assistance that they need.

M & M Standing Committee

When it comes to the district's marketing and membership standing committee over the years, people come and go. The district has tried various ways of running this team as the ideas and topics are so diverse. Thanks must go to Janet who undertook this portfolio over the last 8 months or so. Unfortunately, she is stepping down now, but I look forward to working with the new committee.

We have often discussed having an M & M committee in each of our bowling zones. Our clubs can then work together and create catchment areas. I am more and more convinced that this is the best route forward and will be pushing to get one volunteer from each club. I can then co-ordinate the committees in each zone instead of trying to have a single committee for the entire district, as this is just not practical and is not working.

There have been lots of changes and movement on the Executive and within the committees. Lots of people are getting involved and the WP Standing Committee monthly catch-up and collaboration is a great idea for all to work together and assist with growing the sport.

There are so many exciting projects that can be implemented with additional resources! I have been informed that some clubs are not happy that they don't see me regularly and are not sure of what I am doing on an ongoing basis. I must emphasise again that there is no way for one person to visit 32 clubs regularly and make a difference at each one. Time and energy are spent on clubs that are struggling or ask for assistance with anything.

Commitment

Besides this being my job, it is also my passion, and I continue to love introducing, coaching, and retaining membership.

For this reason, I have withdrawn from attending WP Squad trials for the next season. There are events and projects that take place on weekends and my involvement cannot be at every level.

Trying to grow membership at smaller clubs is not something where the work is done only from Monday to Friday during working hours, and I need to spend many evenings and weekends involved in events.

Membership Growth

Since the Covid pandemic a large focus has been on spreading news about bowls more widely and getting images of younger members on the greens. In this context, when I say younger, I am referring to anyone under 45!

Programs which have been introduced during this period include the Hello Summer Open Fridays, School Holiday programs, Bowls Buzz, etc.

We are seeing the fruits of this work, with our membership numbers growing steadily, and numbers almost recovered to pre-covid levels. Membership is up 38% over the last 2 years.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Clubs	37	37	37	36	36	36	36	34	34	34	32
Women	1125	1109	1072	1046	1056	1168	1054	936	741	1002	1014
Men	1936	1867	1861	1811	1777	1801	1790	1619	1237	1674	1725
Total	**3061**	**2976**	**2933**	**2857**	**2833**	**2969**	**2844**	**2555**	**1978**	**2676**	**2739**

A few selected highlights of the year include the following.

Business League Guide

The Business League guide for clubs was finished and has been made available on our website for anyone to use. This document will be update and refined with feedback from clubs on what works. Thank you again to Rob Dinnie who provided a lot of input and information based on his experiences at Helderberg. The document can be accessed on the WP Bowls website by going to CLUB RESOURCES > BUSINESS LEAGUES.

Somerset West Junior Academy

Somerset West Bowling Club initiated a junior academy project. This started with a holiday clinic during the June/July holidays and will continue on Wednesday afternoons from 31 July. It has great potential to spill into schools in the area. The hope is that this will also grow into attracting teachers and parents over time.

Thank you to Leonie Taljaard for making Somerset West available for such an initiative and for dedicating your valuable time to the growth of junior bowls.

Gordon's Bay Novice Classic

This event was a first for the club and took a fair amount of time to organise. The idea behind this tournament was to lift the profile of the sports club in the community and to create some exposure for all local businesses as well.

Through sponsorships, a wonderful team of volunteers, and a full field of entries, we were able to include a live radio broadcast from the event. Helderberg FM was on site, and included discussions about bowls, interviews with players, etc.

The radio station is estimated to have 54,000 regular listeners, so hopefully we planted the bowling seed in the minds of a few and can reap the benefit when the warmer seasons hit again.

Eros Primary School bowls project at Wheatfield Bowling Club

This year has been a great year at Wheatfield for Eros Bowling School. This project initially started in 2019 and suffered a long break during Covid and for a period thereafter. We have persisted and the rewards have been so worthwhile in creating this huge bowling network of youth and giving back to the community.

To date, the following numbers have been registered:

Foundation Phase	33 learners
Intermediate/Top phases	59 learners
Teachers, physios, and assistants	15

Age groups have been divided into 3 weekly sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Since Term One, Wheatfield members have made themselves available to make this program possible. The school provides weekly transport for the children and the teachers have also become highly invested in the sport for their students. The learners have had demonstrations and learned the game throughout the year with many individuals showing great potential and interest in the sport with future aspirations in mind. The school has been approached to add another coaching session with these skilled junior players and the goal is to include them as more active members of the club. Logistically, this integration will take some planning and time, but the discussions have certainly started.

Wheatfield Bowling Club provides the students and educators with refreshments after every coaching lesson. This club has gone above and beyond. As mentioned, the numbers have tripled since starting the program with the school. The weekly training will continue for the rest of the year, and we hope to have all the schoolteachers on the green playing bowls themselves before the end of the year as well.

Bowls for the Disabled

I have been a part of these bowlers for years, from coaching on weekends to assisting behind the scenes at the Bowls for the Disabled Nationals. At the end of last year, we had our second Directors Day fundraising event to create awareness and raise much-needed funds for the organisation. This event took place at Jaggers BC. There were 14 teams with one blind bowler in each. Hopefully, we will see this happen again at the end of this year.

Wheatfield Eros Competition Day

On 25 July, Wheatfield BC hosted a bowls day to put learned skills into action with a competitive internal competition. Each junior team had a teacher and a volunteer club coach to assist with the game scenario and scoring. A financial contribution for the day from WP Bowls was a wonderful gesture acknowledging the relationship between one of our bowling clubs, Wheatfield and Eros Primary School.

This exciting day of bowls for Eros School has been made possible through the collaboration of WP Bowls, Eros teachers - with a special mention to Mrs Dyers and Mrs Meyer - and Wheatfield Bowling Club.

Attendees

- 38 pupils in 12 trips teams
- 12 teachers with one per team
- 10 club and WP volunteers
- 2 bus drivers

Team

- Taz - Organiser
- Jene McCourt - Food preparation
- Clive Crous - Photographer
- Budget from WP Bowls - R2300

Special thanks to Club President Mark Chetty and all your members for making your club available for this inspiring school project. A small club with a big heart!

Bowls for the Disabled National Championships

The Bowls for the Disabled Open Championship was hosted in Cape Town this year and was played at two of our Basin Clubs, namely Helderberg and Somerset West.

I assisted the organising body and hosting clubs with marketing posters, articles, transportation, accommodation, and the organisation of the markers and umpires.

It was great to see many individuals from clubs outside the Basin also getting involved.

Upcoming Projects

HH Committee's new approach and new projects

The Basin continues to be a membership area opportunity. I believe rebranding this committee is to the benefit of bowls not only for the current membership but also for new potential members. The catchment area is huge with five clubs around to catch them! We need increased communication and coaching initiatives between all clubs.

Holiday Clinics

- Poster
- Social media
- WhatsApp group
- Registration of attendees

Wednesday afternoon lessons

Starting 31 July

- Poster
- Social media
- Other schools
- Holiday clinic contacts
- Home Schoolers' network
- Community groups
- Teacher's events/teambuilders
- School demonstrations

Basin Junior Z-Squad
Starting 17 August

- One Saturday per month
- Poster
- Social media
- Basin Clubs

Current Schedule
Clubs are reminded again that they should contact me if they require assistance with anything to do with membership and marketing. I am always available to assist you in any way that I can.

I am assisting with promoting and managing various club Facebook pages and, more recently, new Club Instagram pages.

I have assisted a various business league events, teacher, and corporate functions and am available to assist your club if needed.

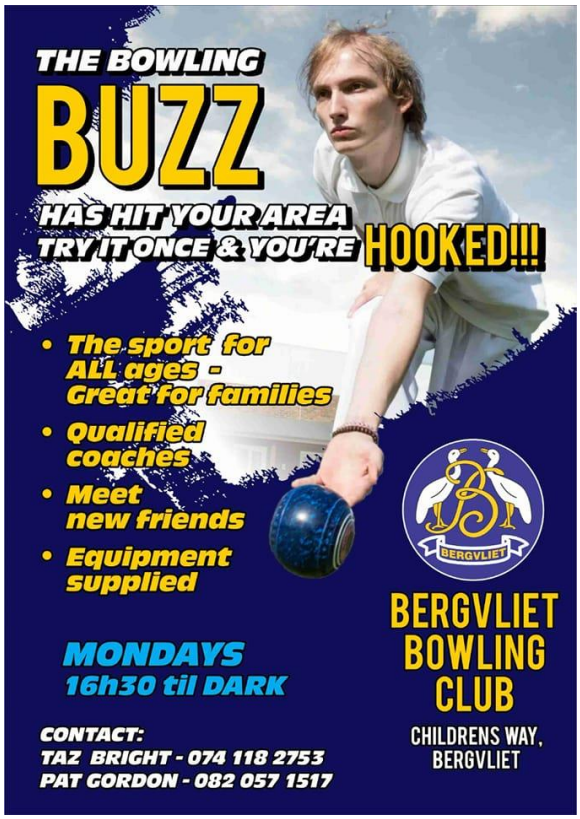
My weekly schedule moving forward is:

Monday	Bergvliet coaching These sessions have been running for a long time. This initiative has been handed over and is continuing successfully with the dedication of Pat Gordon and Eddie van der Heiden – see poster below.
Tuesday	Gordon's Bay coaching This started last year and has evolved into introductions and coaching for walk-ins and new members. See poster below.
Wednesday	Somerset West Junior Academy As described above. See poster below.
Thursday	Wheatfield coaching Working on spreading the word in the community and hoping to get more people down to try bowls. See poster below.
Friday	Parow juniors Dudley Brandt has started a junior group there and I am going to assist where I can. With the permission of their committee, I am hoping we can also do an open evening there.
Sundays	Gordon's Bay Sunday events

I am very excited about the upcoming Summer and look forward to working with clubs and new members & committees.

Taz Bright


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TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

District Standing Committee for Technical Officials – Annual Report 2024

We began the 'year' with the statement that the district is in dire need of more Technical Officials at all levels.

Unfortunately, we had been unable to hold any courses since 2021 because we had nobody in the district holding the required qualifications to do so as per a BSA ruling made at that time. Fortunately, 4 candidates were able to attend the first train the trainer course held by BSA in many years in September 2023.

The course provided a wonderful opportunity to interact with people from other districts and learn of the challenges they were facing in their districts and how, in a few cases, they had come up with ways to tackle these.

It highlighted for us that there is a gap in communication both between the National Technical Officials Standing Committee (NTOSC) and the local TOSCs as well as between the WPB 'administration' and the TOSC. This is an area that still needs a lot of work, and we are hopeful that recent interactions with the WP Executive will remedy this situation.

The BSA data base does not allow us to do a download of our technical officials in the district. This information (in part) has been manually captured by Bob Standon and now provides a base showing qualified Technical Officials, their qualification levels and clubs.

The T/O committee is a small committee and relies upon the assistance from local Clubs to keep us afloat when competitions such as the Women's Nationals are held in our District. Once again, we were supported by the clubs that hosted the tournament together with many volunteers from other clubs.

It has been a very busy year of competitions giving little time for facilitators and candidates to fit in getting new qualifications. We did squeeze in a markers course starting in March with a full class of 24 candidates. To date, 15 of these have qualified with the balance still to commit to their practical exams. Unfortunately trying to do a big group has its disadvantages – trying to get everyone together at the same time for exams. It became a long-drawn-out process to finalise everything taking up a lot of time for the facilitators. We have learnt from the experience and will plan accordingly.

We look forward to the new competitions calendar with the recent workshops and are hoping that the work that has gone into drawing this up will allow us to be able to schedule more courses in the next few months.

Jenny Phillips
Convenor

SELECTION

District Standing Committee for Men's Selectors – Annual Report 2024

Members: Danie de Klerk, Schalk Kotze, Mark Gibbs, Noel Solomons, Theo van der Walt

The Vision of the Selection Committee is to re-instate WP Bowls as the premier district in all National competitions and become the nursery for bowlers to represent South Africa. We are confident that together with our Junior Committee, Coaches and our in progress High Performance Centre we will achieve this by our goal date.

Due to resignations, we started the year with 3 Selectors and ended with the full complement of 5. I am happy to say we brought a wide range of knowledge to the table.

For the 2024 Inter Provincials our preparations started immediately after the March 2023 ID's where we identified players from watching all League games and various WP competitions. Identified players were invited to various trial sessions and a final Squad was named.

The named squad was put through Pre-Tournament preparations. These included weekly practice sessions consisting of Team Building, Technical Exercises, Fitness Practices and we had 2 practice tournaments against Boland.

Various fundraising initiatives were held, and sponsorships received. All team members shared activities, and no one was out of pocket. As the previous year we had a very successful run at the March 2024 Inter Provincials. Of the 3 teams sent 2 teams brought back medals. Various players performed extremely well at National Competitions.

Also, congratulations to Armand Ascaray who has been invited to attend the BSA Green Squad being held from 17-20 October 2024.

The past year was barely over, and we have already started with very important trials and discussions to ensure that the following 2025 goals are met.

- At least 2 Inter Provincial Medals, 1 being Gold.
- Have at least 2 Players in the BSA Green Squad
- Have 1 Player in BSA Gold Squad
- Ensure Financial Security for players in need.
- Implement the High-Performance Centre by latest February 2025

Members of the Selection Committee are looking forward to a successful future for WPB.

During the past year we received tremendous support from WPB Executive, our Sponsors, Personal Trust and Fairtree, and would like to thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Also, a huge thank you to all our players for their on-going commitment.

Yours in Bowls

Danie de Klerk
Convenor

District Standing Committee for Women's Selectors – Annual Report 2024

Following on from the previous season we were eager to pursue those Gold medals.

Unfortunately, that was not to be, but the Open A and B won Silver and the Veterans Bronze.

Squad days were well attended, and the level of concentration was high as the ladies knew that some would be unlucky to miss selection.

Jenny Griffiths and her coaching group once again stepped in with their skills exercises.

They continued coaching the High Potential group after we had reduced the squad to the final 32.

Unfortunately, at this stage Rita Himschoot had to withdraw due to an arm injury and Emily Petzer replaced her.

The cherry on the top was the Capping Evening held at Bellville Bowling Club, it was combined with the handing over of the new kit and a most interesting and informative talk by sports psychologist Dr Ray Martin, whom I am sure was the motivating factor to all the players.

A big thank you to WPB for organizing this evening and would strongly recommend that something similar is arranged each year.

The Veterans were fortunate to have the Doc around most of the time in Pretoria.

Sending 48 players and 6 Managers away is an expensive exercise. We wish to thank WPB for arranging the flights, the excellent accommodation and all the extras.

I have enjoyed working with Nina Painter, Paulina Dockendorff, Lynda Nurrish, Anita Groenewald and Jenny Griffiths who gave of her time freely in whatever way it was needed. Thank you, ladies, we worked well together, and all but reached our goal, for which we are very proud.

Anita is standing down after many years and we welcome Jaye Mendelsohn in her place.

I will be standing down as convenor but will stay on the committee and Paulina Dockendorff replaces me.

Last but by no means least, thank you to the various clubs who have made their facilities available to us, it is much appreciated.

Sandy Wehrli
Convenor

GREENS CARE

District Standing Committee for Greens Care – Annual Report 2024

Since our last report to the Executive in July 2023, the Greens Care Committee have continued to meet monthly and have produced several Newsletters.

We have also implemented changes to our website and are posting updated files.

The final list of Clubs recommended as venues for the Ladies National 2024, was completed, in conjunction with the Greens inspection team from BSA.

BSA introduced updated criteria for evaluating greens, allowing for a certain amount of discretion to the Provincial Greens Committees to determine their format, design and scoring system, provided it encompassed all the BSA requirements.

At our meeting on 16th October, we agreed to adopt our new form, and use it as the basis of our future inspections. New Evaluation guidelines were produced, and along with the updated Evaluation sheet, these were sent out to Clubs and posted on our website.

The most significant changes to the Evaluation process were the scoring of a green's banks, ditches and signage, which comprised a total of 10% of the overall score, and a move to evaluate the "bowling conditions" for players and included the consistency of draw, lines and speeds of each rink.

BSA has encouraged a much tougher stance on Clubs who do not have up to date levels, with a zero score being given if valid levels are not produced. This resulted in some Clubs losing 20% of their available score for each green that did not have levels.

Using the new criteria, all Clubs in the province were visited and an evaluation undertaken by members of the Committee for up to two greens per Club. These Evaluations were undertaken during January, February and March 2024.

Since that exercise was undertaken, BSA have decided to further revise the evaluation criteria, and a new updated Evaluation Form and Evaluation Guidelines Document are being finalized to take these into account.

The revised Evaluation Form and associated Guidelines will be used for our next round of annual Evaluations, which will be undertaken in early 2025, and Clubs will be advised shortly of these changes.

Several of our meetings have been dedicated to specific issues, which have included participating in the new level 2 Greenkeepers course and providing feedback to BSA on its contents and future direction, and a number of presentations by experts in the Greens care field.

We have started the process of identifying venues for the Men's Veterans competition in 2025. Once the venues have been confirmed, BSA will lead the process of making further inspections.

Members of the Greens Care Committee are actively helping several Clubs to improve their greens and are always on hand to offer advice and help to any Club who needs assistance.

During the year we dealt with several written complaints regarding venues hosting competitions, and in each case visited the Club concerned.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to Bill McCarthy, Collyn de Witt, Vernon Dryden, Nic Marais and Brian Pearson for their constant enthusiasm and willingness to travel around the district to evaluate the greens and

offer advice and assistance where necessary, and I also wish to make a special thank you to Terry Hepworth for his continued support and advice as our BSA representative.

Trevor Wheeler
Convenor

COACHES

District Standing Committee for Coaches – Annual Report 2024

While we haven't achieved all we set out to do this year we have been very active. Unfortunately, we were affected by the change of dates in the Western Province calendar and so a couple of courses were rescheduled for later in the year.

It is imperative that all our coaches are refreshed every four years to comply with SASCOC requirements. We do this through an annual Coach-2-Coach Day. We held one on the 28th October 2023 at WPCC and had a reasonable turnout of coaches. Sessions were run by Eddie Phillips, Lynda Nurrish and Jenny Griffiths. We would encourage all coaches to come to these days as it is the one day in the year when we can get together as coaches and just connect. The time spent together is very interactive and a good way to encourage each other and to learn from each other.

In November 2023 the NSCC ran a Train the Trainer for Coaches and Lynda Nurrish and Eddie Phillips attended this course which will enlarge our pool of trained facilitators who can run coaching courses. To qualify the candidates, need to facilitate at a course in their district and both Eddie and Lynda had an opportunity to do that at our first course of 2024.

A Level 1 course was run at Strand Bowling Club on the 8th and 9th January 2024 with 16 people in attendance. Of the 16 who did the course, 13 received their badge and certificate and 1 was refreshed as a coach (her qualification was not active and to get it active she needed to do the Level 1 course).

The Z-Squad had a stop start year with the many WP competitions being run on a Saturday and Sunday which rendered the Saturday unavailable. There is a lot of interest in this squad, and we continue to see players improving because of attending this squad. We will persist with this work as many players are asking for it. Feedback from the players is that they enjoy the fact that they are getting both mental skills and physical skills to develop their game.

Chris and Lynda Nurrish, Eddie Phillips and Jenny Griffiths have worked with the HP (High Potential) Squad of ladies who did not make the final Inter District squad but who could be our Inter District players in the future. The aim is to develop both their mental and physical skills and to motivate them to improve their records.

The J-Squad is made of our junior bowlers in the district, ranging from our very competitive youngsters to those who are just starting their bowls journey. Jenny Griffiths has been assisted by Eddie Phillips, Wayne Schmidt and Janet Schmidt as we grow these youngsters in the sport. Working with juniors is different and although we include both physical and mental skills they need to be handled at their level and in a fun and interactive way. This development involves more than just the art of the game but helping them to grow socially and emotionally as well.

As a DSCC we would love to see at least one qualified coach in each club, if not more who can assist both new and existing bowlers.

A huge thank you to the many coaches in our district who spend many hours on the green assisting players to learn the game and to become better at it – we salute you!

Thank you to my committee of Eddie Phillips, Chris Nurrish, Hennie Venter and Lynda Nurrish who have assisted through this year.

Jenny Griffiths
Convenor

JUNIORS

District Standing Committee for Juniors – Annual Report 2024

The group of juniors continues to grow although the numbers on the database does not reflect to the feet on the green. The J-squad continues to meet once a month on the second Saturday at Pinelands Bowling Club with a varying size group.

We must compete with school sports and Western Province competitions which we have more and more junior taking part in, but we encourage the juniors to come when they can. This is an opportunity for the juniors to have a fun and learn some more skills to enhance their game. It also gives us the opportunity to connect with the juniors in the district and so we encourage all clubs to send their juniors to this event. The juniors who are coached by both Paul Cohen and Aloma Smith also join us at Pinelands – so all the juniors are getting to know each other and to have different exposure to players in their peer group.

A big thank you to Paul and Aloma for their input in the juniors in the Basin area. Aloma has had another intake of scholars from Strand High School and so her group continues to grow. Some work is also being done at somerset West club under Soekie Fourie and we look forward to these juniors joining in with the j-squad when they are ready.

A little work is being done in schools especially with the children at Eros School ably assisted by Taz Bright and Wheatfield Bowling club. Working with schools is not as simple as it sounds but as a district, we need to find ways to get into more schools and maybe establish a school league.

Junior Tournaments:

1. In September 2023 Western Province sent 2 teams to the Under 30 Inter Districts in Klerksdorp. Some great bowls was played and some great fightbacks on the green by both teams. The A team ended 4th in their section and the B team ended 3rd in their section.

2. The annual Envar Buys tournament was hosted by Western Province from the 6th – 8th October. We played the WCPBA Junior singles on the Friday with 52 players taking part in the singles, majority of whom had never played singles before and had certainly never marked a game. The TO standing committee provided us with an umpire between two rinks and they walked up and down with the juniors showing them how to mark a game. This was played at the Glen where we had hoped we would spend the weekend, but the wind came up and we were forced to move over the mountain to Meadowridge where we completed the fours tournament.

Winners – Under 18	Gold	Overberg
	Silver	West Coast
	Bronze	Western Province A
Winners – Under 15	Gold	Western Province A
	Silver	Western Province B
	Bronze	Eden A

3. At the end of March 2024, we sent 2 x Under 15, 2 x Under 18 and 1 x Under 25 teams to Bloemfontein to play in the Junior Nationals. In the Under 15 section there was a total of 14 teams and all the teams played each other in a round robin. The winner of the Under 15's for 2024 was the Western Province A team and the B team ended 6th on the log.

   In the Under 18 section our A team ended 3rd in their section and our B team ended 6th in their section. Some very hard-fought games and some narrow losses all added to the experience the juniors gained at this competition.

   Our Under 25's played at a different venue to the under 18's and under 15's and ended 6th in their section. The team played well but had some tough opposition.

   This tournament allows our juniors to play against the cream of juniors from around the country and is one of the highlights of the year. Due to costs, we can only take our top teams to this tournament which means the others don't get the same exposure. We need to keep finding opportunities for our juniors to play competitively and especially against other juniors. A huge thank you to all our managers who give up their time to look after our youngsters at these competitions.

This year the Under 18 Masters was held at Kraaifontein Bowling club on the 22nd and 23rd June 2024. Twelve of our youngsters battled it out in two sections and this year we had many more close games than we have had in the past, which shows us that the overall quality of play is getting better each year.

The final was played between Ryan Truter, who has won the two previous Masters, and Divan Joubert. This was a repeat of last year's final, but this year Divan managed to triumph over Ryan in an exciting game. The two bronze medallists were William Neethling and Werner Langenhoven who played off for bragging rights with William taking the honours in that game. Well done to all the players for providing such an entertaining weekend of bowls.

The Under 30 Masters was played at the Glen Bowling Club in superb conditions, over the same weekend as the Under 18's. Some excellent bowls was on display with Armand Ascaray finally taking on Daniel Vaughan with Daniel getting through to earn the gold medal. The bronze medallists were Kerrin Norman and Daniel Griebenhauw.

A huge thank to all those who have helped to keep the juniors on the green this season – your commitment and passion for the juniors is appreciated and needed. For clubs with no juniors – reach out to the children and grandchildren of your members, find ways to accommodate them in your club, and enjoy playing with them – Bowls is 1 Sport for Life!

If you need help in how to work with your juniors contact Jenny Griffiths and she or someone from her team will come and assist you!

Jenny Griffiths
Coordinator

DISABILITY BOWLS

District Standing Committee for Disability Bowls – Annual Report 2024

The current members of the WP standing committee for Disability are:

Taz Bright – WP Representative, Eddie van der Heiden PDBSA - Convenor, Graham Ward and Princess Schroeder VIBSA.

There are 45 WP disabled Bowlers registered on the Bowls South Africa (BSA) database, as follows:

- 15 Visually impaired (4 in transit and one not yet classified) with 13 Directors (not all on data base)
- 17 Physically disabled with eight who still to be classified, which has been delayed by the recent weather.

We also have two qualified classifiers who are able to classify disabled bowlers in South Africa for registration on the International Bowls for the Disabled system:

Eddie van der Heiden (Technical) and Pat Gordon (Medical), both from Bergvliet BC.

All disabled bowlers who wish to play in Disabled Bowlers of South Africa tournaments need to be full members of a bowling club and be registered with BSA

Due to the hard work and commitment of the organising committee of Graham Ward, Eddie van der Heiden, Princess Schroeder, Jene McCourt, Leonie Taljaard, Shirley Oosthuizen and Louis Gunter as scorer a very successful Bowls South Africa National Bowls Championships for Disabled Bowlers was held in WP District at Helderberg and Somerset West BCs. during March 2024.

WP bowlers achieved 7 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Congratulations to our 6 WP Bowlers who were selected to represent South Africa in the IBD/International Bowls for the Disabled World Championships that were held in Gauteng from 18-31 May 2024.

They were:

- Eddie van der Heiden B6
- Margie Palmer B8 (First Protea colours)
- Princess Schroeder B3 (Graham Ward)
- Michelle Eschun B2 (Jene McCourt).

Western Province bowlers achieved the following international medals:

- Princess Schroeder B3, director Graham Ward, singles Gold
- Michelle Eshun B2, director Jene McCourt singles Silver
- And Eddie van der Heiden B6 Silver Pairs
- Roy Peters B4 a filler player, director Charles Collen from Eden came 4th.

South Africa reigned supreme by winning the Championship and the World Cup Trophy.

We need to not rest on the achievements of those who are reaching the end of their really competitive years and introduce new and existing disabled bowlers from those who are already playing in the WP Bowling District.

They need to be identified by the standing committee and may need classification, and we appeal to all clubs that have a physical or visually challenged bowler as a member to let the standing committee know, by advising me or WP Bowls office.

We also have a dedicated level 2 coach who can aid those who come to be disabled to transition to bowls for the disabled and assist in advising them on wheelchairs and various aids to allow and support them to play competitively amongst abled-bodied bowlers.

Eddie van der Heiden
Convenor

Blind Bowlers – Annual Report 2024

As the Peninsula Blind Bowlers season comes to an end I would like to reflect on our wonderful achievements during the season.

The season started with Peninsula having to move from Jaggers to Mowbray Bowls Club where we were welcomed with open arms.

We also had various friendly bowls days at Fish Hoek BC, Helderberg Village and Silvermine Village. Our members enjoy the bowls days as it also comes as preparation for our upcoming Championships.

Due to the hard work and commitment of all, Peninsula once again won the National Championships that were held in Cape Town in the Helderberg area during March 2024 for the 10th time. We achieved 7 gold medals, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Congratulations to our 4 members who were selected to represent South Africa in the IBD/International Bowls for the Disabled World Championships held in Gauteng from 18-31 May 2024. Princess Schroeder B3, director Graham Ward, singles Gold medal, Michelle Eshun B2, director Jenny McCourt singles Silver medal. Roy Peters B4 a filler player, director Charles Collen from Eden came fourth. South Africa reigned supreme by winning the Championship and the Trophy.

Peninsula Blind Bowlers remain as one of the larger visually impaired bowls clubs in the country with 15 Bowlers and 13 Directors of which most of them are bowlers at their respective bowls clubs.

Thanks to WPBA and Mowbray BC for including our bowlers into the provincial leagues and tournaments which is clearly improving their games.

We encourage and welcome any interested person to join and assist our bowlers on a Saturday morning once or twice a month at Mowbray BC.

Yours in bowls

Princess Schroeder
Secretary of Peninsula Blind Bowlers.

WP PLAYERS COMMITTEE
WP Players Committee – Annual Report 2024

Inter District Competition Performance
The Western Province Bowls Association delivered commendable performances at this year's Inter Districts. Competing with determination, the teams achieved the following results:

- **Ladies**: Secured Silver in both Open and B categories, and Bronze in the Veterans category.
- **Men**: Attained Bronze in the B and Veterans categories.

These achievements are significant, and the objective for the next five years is to strive for gold medals in at least two team categories. Feedback post-Inter Districts is crucial for players to understand areas of improvement and to sustain their team or squad positions. While the men's team received this feedback, the ladies' team is still awaiting theirs.
It is recommended that Western Province Inter District sides be selected earlier to allow ample time for team dynamics and competitive match preparation. The scheduling of WP Trials earlier in 2024 compared to previous seasons has been positively received by the players.

WP Competitions and Calendar
The season has been marred by frustration due to a disorganized WP Bowls Calendar, which has adversely affected many players. However, heartfelt appreciation goes to Mr. Nico Taljaard for his exceptional effort in consolidating input for next year's calendar and beyond. A forward-looking 24-month calendar is suggested to assist players and clubs with long-term planning. The proposed changes by Mr. Taljaard are welcomed and anticipated with enthusiasm.

Ladies Nationals: Reflections and Recommendations
The Ladies Nationals, hosted in the Northern Basin, was largely successful. However, to ensure a positive experience for all participants, it is imperative to address certain issues. The quality of greens at some clubs was below expectations, and the rush to conclude the Nationals a day early was unreasonable. Nationals, being the premier competition in South Africa, should not compel top players to endure over 100 ends in a single day. Future considerations should aim for a more professional approach.

Season Overview
The season has been challenging, with management direction and operational output appearing disjointed and unorganized, leading to a less than satisfactory experience for WP Players. Nevertheless, there is recognition of the shortcomings, and optimistic signs of change and progress are already evident.

Claire Cowan, Megan Ferreira, Adre Barnard and Nicholas Rusling

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