

Western Province Bowls Association



**WESTERN
PROVINCE
BOWLS**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AGENDA

**ANNUAL REPORT
2022 - 2023**

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WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

(Founded December 1906)

PRESIDENT

Gerrit van Milligen

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mark Douglas

TREASURER

Jenny Griffiths

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2022-2023

Mark Gibbs, Jenny Phillips, Noel Solomon

Marianna Kirsten, Joy Calvert, Soekie Fourie

ADMINISTRATION

Denise Vermeulen

Chris Nurrish

Barrie Eksteen (Competition Secretary)

Taryn Bright (Marketing & Membership Manager)

AUDITORS

True North Accounting

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Mr CJ Nortier, Mr I Travers-Phillips, Mr G Donaldson, Mr S Martinengo,
Mrs R Myers, Mr R Delpont, Ms D de Power, Ms J Peacock, Dr D Coghlan, Mr G Kemp

STANDING COMMITTEES AND ANCILLARY REPRESENTATIVES

Coaches	Jenny Griffiths	Under 15 & U20	
Finance	Jenny Griffiths	Under 45	
Greens Care	Terry Hepworth	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
Provincial Bowlers	Mark Gibbs		

PAST PRESIDENTS

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

PAST SECRETARIES

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

* Deceased

PAST PRESIDENTS (Former W.P.W.B.A.)

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

PAST SECRETARIES (Former W.P.W.B.A.)

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

COUNCIL DELEGATES – Meeting November 2022

1 Bellville	Mardene de Villiers	18 Meadowridge	Dave King
2 Bergvliet	Pam Ooshhuis	19 Milnerton	Jonathan Cochrane
3 Constantia	Eddie Douglas	20 Mowbray	Rick Bing
4 CT Military	None	21 Oakdale	Etienne Schut
5 Durbanville	Bob Standen	22 Old Oak	Ampie Pretorius
6 Edgemoed	Apologies	23 Parow	None
7 Fish Hoek	Alison Ranft	24 Pinelands	Alan Letcher
8 Fresnaye	Bryce Clarence	25 Plumstead	Keith Wright
9 Gardens	None	26 Pollsmoor	Denise Vermeulen
10 Glen CC	Jaye Mendelsohn	27 Rondebosch	None
11 Goodwood	Apologies	28 SA Police	None
12 Gordon's Bay	Apologies	29 Somerset W	Johan Kobliche
13 Helderberg	Ineke Spangenberg	30 Stellenbosch	Brian Shepherd
14 Hdberg Vil	Apologies	31 Strand	Apologies
15 Kraaifontein	Janet Schmidt	32 Sunningdale	Bruce Atherton
16 Kuilsrivier	None	33 Wheatfield	None
17 Malmesbury	Apologies	34 WPCC	Russel Phillips

* Deceased

CLUBS FORMING THE WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Club	Affiliated	Club	Affiliated
Gardens (1896)	1906	Goodwood	1963
Mowbray	1919	S A Police	1964
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
Parow	1960	Rondebosch	2011

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); Jagers (1953-2020).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 19th AUGUST 2023 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 (20th August 2022)
8. To consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the year - 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
9. To present recommendations of the Executive
 - 9.1 WP affiliation fees
10. To consider, and if approved, adopt:
 - 10.1 The Audited Western Province Bowls Association's Financial Statements for the year 01 July 2022 - 30 June 2023
 - 10.2 The 2023-2024 Budget
11. Motions for approval and adoption:
 - 11.1 To be presented at the BSA AGM:

By Bowls South Africa Executive

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.

By Bowls South Africa Executive.

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

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 2022-2024

The Executive Committee as per the 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 & nominations (in italics) are as follows:

President	<i>Mr Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville)</i>
Vice-President	<i>Mr Mark Douglas (Mowbray)</i> <i>Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead)</i>
Treasurer	<i>Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor)</i>

Executive of six

Mr Mark Gibbs (WPCC) (In second year of term)

Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead) (In second year of term)

Ms Susanna Fourie (Somerset West)

Ms Janet Schmidt (Kraaifontein)

Mr Eugene Ferreira (Goodwood)

Mr Tony Harland (Durbanville)

Mr Nico Taljaard (Somerset West)

16. Any other matters

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS HELD AT PINLELANDS BOWLING CLUB ON SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2022 AT 09h30

PRESENT: G van Milligen (President), J Griffiths (Treasurer)
Executive: J Phillips, M Kirsten, A Carstens, M Gibbs, N Solomon & T Bright
Administration: D Vermeulen & C Nurrish
Apologies: M Douglas

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 (None in the meeting), Past Executive Members, Council Delegates, and a special welcome to Greg Nasson of Personal Trust

3. To call the roll of Delegates (recorded on arrival) 30 Clubs attended: Bellville, Bergvliet, Constantia, Durbanville, Edgemoed, Fish Hoek, Fresnaye, Glen CC, Goodwood, Gordon's Bay, Helderberg, Kraaifontein, Kuilsrivier, Malmesbury, Meadowridge, Milnerton, Mowbray, Oakdale, Old Oak, Parow, Pinelands, Plumstead, Pollsmoor, Rondebosch, Somerset West, Stellenbosch, Strand, Sunningdale, Wheatfield, & WPCC

Also in attendance:

Representatives: S Wehrli (Ladies Selectors)
Sponsors: Personal Trust (Greg Nasson)

4. To receive apologies

Two apologies received from clubs: Helderberg Village & CT Military

No apologies – Gardens, Rondebosch & SA Police

Other apologies: Life Members: Ian Travers-Phillips & Godfrey Donaldson

5. Record Obituaries for the year

The President stated that the list of members who had passed on during the period 1 July 2021 and June 2022 was read at Council on 18 June and would be updated at the next Council meeting.

6. Address by Greg Nasson, Director of Personal Trust

Greg addressed the meeting and wished the WP Bowls Executive a good year along with all the bowlers. At Personal Trust they appreciate the support they receive from bowlers, and they are looking forward to once again being able to assist WP Bowls and the All Cape Tournament next year.

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 (14th August 2021)

The minutes of the 115th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd August 2020 were taken as read.

Proposed & seconded by Edgemoed & Kraaifontein respectively.

Matters arising: None.

8. To consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the year 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022.

Proposed & seconded by Edgemoed & Milnerton respectively.

9. To consider, and if approved, adopt the audited WPB Financial Statements for the year 1st July 2021 – 30th June 2022

The Treasurer made some general comments about the financials. We ended the year at a loss but a smaller loss than expected. She explained the move to working from home and the consequent savings after some setup costs. Answering a question from Malmesbury Jenny explained that costs were now allocated according to actual cost centres rather than general costs.

Acceptance of the Annual Financial Statements was proposed by Pollsmoor and seconded by Kraaifontein.

9.1 The 2022 – 2023 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 from R190 to R300.

We have received R 350 000 from Lotto with specified areas of use. We need more sponsors for the District. DCAS have given us R 50 000 plus R 10 000 towards the under 45 tournament held last weekend and another R 10 000 towards the SA Masters. Questions were raised about Fundraising for the District and Jenny Phillips encouraged all clubs to share their ideas for fundraising for both the clubs and the district.

Jenny then explained the expenses side of the budget including office and travel costs and added that she has budgeted for a Yearbook, be it printed or in some other form. Operational costs cover all the standing committees. The budget under transformation appears low but transformation forms part of the budget for all standing committees and training courses. Our biggest expense is the Inter-Districts – all costs have risen astronomically. In the past we have paid a lot for our players – more so than other districts and we will have to increase the players’ contributions by R 500 to R 2 500 per player.

Funds are budgeted for district events such as Opening day and a capping ceremony etc. but we will need to be very careful how we spend this.

The proposed increase in district membership fees generated lengthy debate including the fear that the size of the increase would drive many pensioners away from the game. It was suggested that we increase competition fees and reduce the membership fee increase. Various proposals and counter proposals were made by Edgemoor, Malmesbury, Mowbray, Somerset West, Mowbray & Kraaifontein and after robust debate and a show of hands a figure of R 275 as proposed by Kraaifontein and seconded by Milnerton was accepted.

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

The President with assistance from Graeme Kemp explained that Bowls SA state there are about 18 000 registered bowlers in SA and around 6 000 people regularly playing bowls who are not registered. Bowls SA must report membership to SASCOC each year and this determines the funding Bowls SA gets from SASCOC. No money from our affiliation fees is used for the Proteas. Bowls SA propose to charge WP Bowls the same amount of R 570 000 this year as last year based on membership figures as at 31 December 2021. Bowls SA also would like to capture the number of people playing bowls in retirement villages, but this will need some work.

All the above depends on the BSA motion on fees being accepted at the BSA AGM on 27 August.

10. Motions for changes:

10.1 To be presented at BSA AGM:

7.1 By Bowls SA Executive (WP not in favour)

In terms of paragraph 20.5.2 of Constitution of Bowls South Africa Council is empowered to fix conditions and fees for the membership of Bowls South Africa (Bowls SA).

The Executive wish to propose a change to the current fee structure of payment per registered bowler to the following:

Fees for membership of Bowls SA will be charged annually to each Province who in turn will apportion such charge to each district/club within the area of their jurisdiction. The basis of the determination of this annual charge will be the subject of a policy with regards to this.

MOTIVATION

Bowls South Africa, on a regular basis, are challenged as to the legality or otherwise of so-called 'casual/social' bowlers rights to access to the bowling greens of affiliated clubs and in terms of current provisions of the Constitutions of Bowls SA, Provincial Bowls Associations, District Associations and Club there exists no provisions that entail the right of any club in allowing clubs to grant access to their greens to persons who are not registered with Bowls South Africa.

It is also recognised that giving access to 'unregistered' bowlers provides an ever-increasing important financial stream for clubs and to deny access would, ultimately be non-beneficial to club and by implication Districts, and ultimately Bowls SA.

Therefore, to create an environment in which the determination of access to greens resides with the proprietors of those greens it suggested we move away the 'so-called' barrier preventing this.

The basis of charging a singular fee to those parties who have membership of an Association such as Bowls SA or a body affiliated to Bowls SA is a principle that has been implemented by both World Bowls and Bowls Australia. Effectively by accepting this proposal the onus reverts to clubs to seek revenue to fulfil their right of membership to Districts and Provinces.

The proposal is that a base financial figure is established using the total financial contribution made to Bowls SA by all members affiliated to Bowls SA as at the 31st December 2021. This fee will, subject to approval by Council, be subject to annual incremental changes. In as much as Bowls SA have the right to collect this fee from Provincial associations so too will Provinces have the right of collection from District and ultimately from Clubs.

The Executive realise that this is a fairly dramatic move away from tradition, but the Executive believes it will see the end of the dispute of entitlement and once clubs realise that the time spent entertaining 'non-members' on their greens will need some form of compensation to allow then to make up revenue collection for 'affiliation fees' and indeed may even open the way for more aggressive marketing and membership recruitment. In addition, by following this route long term sustainability of Bowls SA, Provinces and Districts becomes more secure.

7.2 By Eastern Province Bowls (WP in favour)

To nominate Robert Forbes BSA (35) as Honorary Life Member of Bowls SA.

MOTIVATION

- *The Eastern Province Bowls Executive has discussed and agreed to put forward the above-mentioned motion.*
- *Mr Forbes hails from the Eastern Cape and is an exemplary member to bowls.*
- *Mr Forbes is past President of BSA.*
- *Mr Forbes is past President of EP.*
- *Mr Forbes is currently Vice President of EP Bowls*

The Executive Committee is of the opinion Mr Forbes is worthy of being an Honorary Life Member of BSA based on his unselfish availability, his experience he readily shares and his exemplary behaviour on and off the green.

Mr Forbes is a true ambassador to the sport.

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 2022 – 2023

The following Executive members are entering their second year as members of the Executive:

President	Mr Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville)
Vice President	Mr Mark Douglas (Mowbray)
Treasurer	Ms Jenny Griffiths (Meadowridge)
Executive members	Mr Noel Solomon
	Ms Taryn Bright

The following members were renominated as members of the Executive and were duly elected.

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

There is 1 vacant seat, and a circular calling for nominations will be distributed.

15. Any Other matters

Fresnaye queried why there was no listing of race on the membership form if Bowls SA need the information for SASCO.

Malmesbury queried transformation as people do not want to be seen as tokens. Transformation is more than colour and applies equally to disability or gender.

Milnerton queried why there was no listing of disability on the membership form.

The meeting agreed that we will update the WP Bowls membership forms to reflect race and disability.

16. Close and Thanks.

The President thanked the Executive for all their hard work during the year and closed the meeting at 11h12.

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SEASON 2022 - 2023

BOWLS SA - MASTERS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS– 17 TO 19TH MARCH 2023

The following players from Western Province were selected to participate.

Open Masters Men	Herman Huisamen
Open Masters Ladies	Anneke Snyman Gillian Young
Junior Masters Men	Armand Ascaray

BOWLS SA MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SEDIBENG (SASOLBURG) – JUNE 2023

Jene McCourt and Miles Norman represented Western Province at the SA Mixed Pairs Championships in Sasolburg from the 15th – 18th June 2023.

PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

Veteran Inter-Districts were hosted by Eden Bowls from 6 to 10 March 2023.

Results: **Men – Gold**

‘B’ Inter-Districts were hosted by JBA from 6 to 10 March 2023.

Results: **Women – Gold**
Men – Bronze

‘A’ Inter-Districts were hosted by Port Natal Bowls from 6 to 10 March 2023.

PERSONAL TRUST LADIES ALL CAPE BOWLING TOURNAMENT – 29 March to 1 April 2023

The tournament was hosted by **Boland Bowls**

There were 80 Ladies’ teams entered including 36 from Western Province.

The Championship event was won by a team from Durbanville and Runners-Up were from Bonnievale.

The Plate event was won by a team from Mowbray, and Runners-Up were from Kleinmond.

The Bowl event was won by a team from Hartenbos and Runners-Up were from Mosselbaai.

PERSONAL TRUST MEN’S ALL CAPE BOWLING TOURNAMENT – 12 to 16 April 2023

The tournament was hosted by **Boland Bowls**

There were 139 Men’s teams entered including 60 from Western Province.

The Championship event was won by a team from Outeniqua and Runners-Up were from Durbanville.

The Plate event was won by a team from Stilbaai and Runners-Up were from Porterville.

The Bowl event was won by a team from DCS, and Runners-Up were from Ceres.

BSA STANDING COMMITTEES 2023-2024

Disability Bowls	Graham Ward
Greens	Bill McCarthy / Terry Hepworth
Technical	Robert Standen
Membership & Marketing	Anina Black
	Taz Bright
Women Selection	Patricia Young
Coaches	Jenny Griffiths

WARWICK: BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championship was hosted by **Port Natal Bowls (PNB)** from 6th to 14th May 2023.

Nic Rusling & Tori Sabatti Reached the last 8 in the Pairs.

Nic Rusling was a semi-finalist in the Open Singles.

Jose Hilario reached the last 8 in the Veteran Singles.

WARWICK: BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championship was hosted by **Bowls Gauteng North (BGN)** from 6th to 14th May 2023.

Taz Bright & Collen Marshall were Silver medallists in the Pairs.

Mo Louw & Gillian Young reached the last 8 in the Open Singles.

Lydia Maritz won the Silver medal in the Veteran Singles.

Colleen Bryant reached the last 8 in the Veteran Singles.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership as at 30 June of each year:

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

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.

OBITUARY LIST July 2022 to June 2023

Life Member	Ron Delport
Bellville	Stanley Rutgers
Bergvliet	
Camps Bay	
Cape Town Military	
Constantia	
Durbanville	
Edgemead	Greg Waterson
Fish Hoek	William Searle
Fresnaye	
Gardens	
Glen CC	Rodney Chiat, Abe Woollach, John Hill
Goodwood	
Gordon's Bay	Dirk Kotze
Helderberg	Basil Wale
Helderberg Village	
Kraaifontein	
Kuilsrivier	
Malmesbury	
Meadowridge	Cecille Collins, Tony Wilson
Milnerton	
Mowbray	
Oakdale	
Old Oak	Susan Van Rheede, Coen Vermaak , Dave Thomas
Parow	
Pinelands	
Plumstead	Theresa Pennington
Pollsmoor	Keith Rushin
Rondebosch	
SA Police	
Somerset West	
Stellenbosch	
Strand	
Sunningdale	Shaun Kelly
Wheatfield	Kenneth Wilson, Melville Thornton
WPCC	

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 28 August 2022, Council met on 11 November 2022 during the year and the representation of the individual Clubs at the Meetings was as follows:

Club	Present	Apology	Absent	Club	Present	Apology	Absent
Bellville	✓			Meadowridge	✓		
Bergvliet	✓			Milnerton	✓		
Cape Town Military			✓	Mowbray	✓		
Constantia	✓			Oakdale	✓		
Durbanville	✓			Old Oak	✓		
Edgemead		✓		Parow			✓
Fish Hoek	✓			Pinelands	✓		
Fresnaye	✓			Plumstead	✓		
Gardens			✓	Pollsmoor	✓		
Glen CC	✓			Rondebosch			✓
Goodwood		✓		SA Police			
Gordon's Bay		✓		Somerset West	✓		
Helderberg		✓		Stellenbosch	✓		
Helderberg Village		✓		Strand		✓	
Kraaifontein	✓			Sunningdale			
Kuilsrivier			✓	Wheatfield			✓
Malmesbury		✓		WPCC	✓		

WPB CHAMPIONSHIPS / COMPETITIONS

MEN		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Flag	Sides	74/7	71/11	72/7	69/7	105	99	0	84	82
Fours	Teams	67	63	62	67	73	0	0	68	80
Triples	Teams	111	96	96	0	109	0	113	112	125
Pairs	Teams	174	175	152	0	168	0	180	188	198
Singles Open	Players	142	138	124	0	125	136	122	125	134
Seniors/Vets	Players	96	88	84	0	90	78	90	78	99
Novices	Players	72	95	83	91	80	91	84	86	83
Champ of Champ	Players	30	30	25	27	30	0	28	31	27
Novice C o C	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	21
Fives	Teams	24	38	45	45	63	61	71	0	0
Mid-Week	Teams	82	74	68	71	63	-	-	0	0
WOMEN		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Muter	Sides	50/7	48/14	47/8	47/3	46	39	0	35	36
Fours	Teams	35	37	33	36	33	0	0	39	45
Triples	Teams	60	64	48	0	50	0	59	51	57
Pairs	Teams	84	72	68	0	71	0	84	95	85
Singles Open	Players	51	50	51	0	49	54	55	58	63
Seniors/Vets	Players	32	38	37	0	34	44	42	34	44
Novices	Players	42	41	27	47	46	53	39	41	41
Champ of Champ	Players	27	28	25	23	25	0	28	24	28
Novice C o C	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	17
Sully	Teams	56	54	50	45	42	30	0	0	0
Fives	Teams	29	37	41	32	36	40	40	0	0
Mid-week	Teams	27	29	28	22	-	-	-	0	0
MIXED		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Mixed Pairs	Teams	180	175	158	184	176	184	184	204	227
Mixed/Trips League	Teams	10	14	12	17	20	23	0	26	30
Mid-Week - Mixed	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	66	73	61	56
Fives	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	100
Power Trips	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	64	52
PRO-10	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	39

WPB CHAMPIONSHIPS / COMPETITION RESULTS 2022-2023

FLAG

Premier	Winners	WPCC 'A'
	Runners-Up	Durbanville 'A'
Division 1	Winners	Edgemoor 'B'
	Runners-Up	Old Oak 'A'
Division 2	Winners	Somerset West 'B'
	Runners-Up	Durbanville 'D'
Division 3	Winners	Constantia 'C'
	Runners-Up	Parow 'A'
Division 4	Winners	Kraaifontein 'B'
	Runners-Up	Milnerton 'C'

MUTER

Premier	Winners	Mowbray 'A'
	Runners-Up	Constantia 'A'
Division 1	Winners	Milnerton 'A'
	Runners-Up	Goodwood 'A'
Division 2	Winners	Goodwood 'B'
	Runners-Up	Durbanville 'D'

TRIPS LEAGUE

Overall	Winners	Pinelands 'XA'
	Runners-Up	Fish Hoek 'XA'
Division 1	Winners	Pinelands 'XA'
	Runners-Up	Fish Hoek 'ZA'
Division 2	Winners	Pinelands 'XE'
	Runners-Up	Bellville 'XA'
Division 3	Winners	Oakdale 'XA'
	Runners-Up	Bergvliet 'XB'

POWER TRIPS

Tier 1	Winners	Helderberg A
	Runners-Up	Mowbray A
	Semi-Finalists	Durbanville A
		Old Oak A
Tier 2	Winners	Pollsmoor A
	Runners-Up	Durbanville D
	Semi-Finalists	Strand A
		Mowbray B
Tier 3	Winners	Durbanville F
	Runners-Up	Fish Hoek B
	Semi-Finalists	Kuilsriver C
		Kraaifontein C

MIDWEEK

Winners	WJAW Brown WJ Karstens	MK Donaldson HB Dowling	M Smook	Old Oak
Runners-Up	C. Kotze NK Tero	P Cottrell	L Stringer	Pollsmoor
Semi-Finalists	P Harvey J Whitby	G Roach	I Rohtbart	Constantia
	G Barker C Marshall	B Capes	CR Marshall	Constantia

FOURS

Men

Winners	H Huisamen J Murray	ND Solomon	I Hampshire	Goodwood
Runners-Up	T van der Poel D Keyser	F Trotskie	T Ebersohn	Edgemoor
Semi-Finalists	G Drake C Snyman	DDM Tredoux	RF Bouwer	Old Oak
	JAF de Sousa S Kincaid	F Alves	RR Ward	Goodwood

Ladies

Winners	A Woolf J Huisamen	M Ferreira A Snyman	A Kotze	Goodwood
Runners-Up	R Pietersen B Joubert	G Wells	A Sawyer	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	E Petzer L Ferreira	D Kidd	J Bradbury	Edgemoor
	M van Zyl C Rich	J Law	P Witz	Goodwood

FIVES

Winners	T vd Walt E Ferreira	F Alves J Huisamen	M Ferreira	Goodwood
Runners-Up	L Maritz D Kiely	M Pentz C Gordon	I Carrol	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	G Roos	A Sartor	S Peirson	Edgemoor
	G Morison	M vd Poel		
	A Hougaard	E Pick	J Calvert	Pollsmoor
	R Conradie	D Thorburn		

MIXED PAIRS

Winners	J McCourt	M Norman	Helderberg
Runners-Up	A Wilson	B Joubert	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	F Alves	J Huisamen	Goodwood
	A Barnard	A Buys	Durbanville

Jene McCourt and Miles Norman represented the District at the SA Mixed Pairs Championships in Sedibeng (Sasolburg) from 15th – 18th June 2023.

PAIRS

Men

Winners	A Barnard	L Barnard	Durbanville
Runners-Up	J de Sousa	S Kincaid	Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	D Swart	R de Klerk	Old Oak
	B Capes	D Vaughan	Constantia

Ladies

Winners	A Snyman	M Ferreira	Goodwood
Runners-Up	A Groenewald	A Woolf	Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	F George	E Maisel	Constantia
	M van Zyl	D Phillips	Durbanville

TRIPS

Men

Winners	C Pieterse	L V Hansen	LB vd Merwe	Pollsmoor
Runners-Up	S Koen	N Taljaard	P Minnaar	Somerset West
Semi-Finalists	A Nel	KR Nel	GA Nel	Somerset West
	J van Graan	E Grootboom	T Pope	Meadowridge

Ladies

Winners	A Snyman	M Ferreira	A Kotze	Goodwood
Runners-Up	J Wade	W Adams	MM Eksteen	Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	A Woolf	C Pollard	L Eccles	Goodwood
	C Herholdt	J Taggart	A de Wet	Durbanville

SINGLES

Open

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	S Koen	Somerset West	S McKay-Vlok	Helderberg
Runners-Up	P Harvey	Constantia	E Louw	Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	D vd Walt	Mowbray	A Kotze	Goodwood
	N Burkett	Mowbray	A Snyman	Goodwood

Veteran

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	I Rohtbart	Constantia	SS Burns	Mowbray
Runners-Up	T Binns	Milnerton	E Snyman	Bellville
Semi-Finalists	NJ Stofberg	Milnerton	P Mocke	Stellenbosch
	N Byrne	Gordons Bay	M Thomas	Durbanville

Novice

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	J van Tonder	Durbanville	B Smith	Constantia
Runners-Up	L Ellis	Constantia	D Pienaar	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	AE Marais	Sunningdale	Svan Huyssteen	Mowbray
	F Klopper	Durbanville	A de Wet	Durbanville

MASTERS

Open	Men		Ladies	
Winners	J de Sousa	Goodwood	A Snyman	Goodwood
Runners-Up	N Rusling	WPCC	C Cowan	Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	H Huisamen	Goodwood	A Kotze	Goodwood
	A Barnard	Durbanville	A Woolf	Goodwood

VETERAN MASTERS

Open	Men		Ladies	
Winners	D Aherne	Durbanville	E Snyman	Bellville
Runners-Up	T vd Poel	Edgemead	A Ritchie	Edgemead
Semi-Finalists	K Smith	Durbanville	M Thomas	Durbanville
	G Nash	WPCC	T Grobler	Gordons Bay

INVITATION MASTERS

Open	Men		Ladies	
Winners	J Alcock	SA Police	C Cowan	Mowbray
Runners-Up	H Andrade	Oakdale	K Redman	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	F Alves	Goodwood	A Buys	Durbanville
	D vd Walt	Mowbray	M Corneilse	Plumstead

JUNIOR MASTERS

Under 30

Gold	A Robbertse	Bellville
Silver	F Klopper	Durbanville
Bronze	T Pitcher	Durbanville
Bronze	R Truter	Edgemead

Under 18

Winner	R Truter	Edgemead
Runner-Up	D Joubert	Goodwood
Third Place	W Neethling	Edgemead
Fourth Place	W Langenhoven	Kraaifontein

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	S Koen	Somerset West	S Mckay-Vlok	Helderberg
Runners-Up	R van Zyl	Malmesbury	D Edwards	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	H Huisamen	Goodwood	M Thomas	Durbanville
	G Collier	Bellville	A Snyman	Goodwood

NOVICE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

	Men		Ladies	
Winners	S Vaughan	Constantia	J Bradbury	Edgemoed
Runners-Up	DW Johnson	Mowbray	S Kinnell	Fish Hoek
Semi-Finalists	AW Laubser	Bellville	M Konig	Gordons Bay
	D Bentley	Edgemoed	M Milo	Somerset West

PRO-10 PAIRS

Winners	B van Beuge	K Nash	WPCC
Runners-Up	E Phillips	J van Tonder	Durbanville
Third	B van Eyssen	C Marshall	Constantia

LADIES EXECUTIVE TROPHY

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 23.

Winners	Goodwood	51 points
Runners-Up	Mowbray	27 points

JOHN EDWARDS MENS TROPHY

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 22.

Winners	Constantia	37 points
Runners-up	Somerset West	33 points

MEN'S LOG FOR "JOHN EDWARDS TROPHY" 2022/23

	Flag					Championships								
	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					2	2	5
Bergvliet														-
Constantia				8			1	3	8	5	4		8	37
Durbanville	4		4			1		8		2	10			29
Edgemead		8				4							2	14
Fish Hoek														-
Fresnaye														-
Glen CC						1								1
Goodwood						10		4		1	1	2		18
Gordon's Bay									2					2
Helderberg														-
Kraaifontein					8									8
Kuilsriver														-
Malmesbury											1	4		5
Meadowridge							2		2					4
Milnerton					4				7					11
Mowbray							1			4			4	9
Oakdale														-
Old Oak		4				2	1	3	1					11
Parow				4							1			5
Pinelands														-
Plumstead														-
Pollsmoor						1	8							9
SA Police														-
Somerset W			8			1	6	1		8	1	8		33
Stellenbosch														-
Strand														-
Sunningdale											2			2
Wheatfield														-
WPCC	8							1						9
	12	12	12	12	12	20	20	20	20	20	20	16	16	212

Flag

Total of 12 points per Division

Championships (less than 60 entries) Total of 16 points

Championships (more than 60 entries) Total of 20 points

(Winners = 8 and Runners-Up = 4)

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LADIES LOG FOR "EXECUTIVE TROPHY" 2022/23

	Muter			Championships								
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Fours	Trips	Pairs	Vets	Open	Novices	Ch of Ch	Ch of Ch Nov	Total
	12	12	12	20	16	20	16	16	16	16	16	172
Bellville							4					4
Bergvliet												-
Constantia				4		2			8	4		18
Durbanville			4		2	4	2	2	6	2		22
Edgemoed	4			2							8	14
Fish Hoek											4	4
Fresnaye												-
Glen CC												-
Goodwood		4	8	10	10	12		5		2		51
Gordon's Bay											2	2
Helderberg						1		8		8		17
Kraaifontein												-
Kuilsriver												-
Malmesbury												-
Meadowridge												-
Milnerton		8										8
Mowbray	8				4	1	8	4	2			27
Oakdale												-
Old Oak												-
Parow												-
Pinelands												-
Plumstead												-
Pollsmoor												-
SA Police												-
Somerset W											2	2
Stellenbosch							2					2
Strand												-
Sunningdale								1				1
Wheatfield												-
WPCC												-

Muter

Total of 12 points per Division

Championships (less than 60 entries) Total of 16 points

Championships (more than 60 entries) Total of 20 points

(Winners = 8 and Runners-Up = 4)

(8 - 4 - 2 - 2)

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WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2022-2023

I am very proud to be presenting my report for the last year, which has been an immensely busy and successful one for WP Bowls.

The new structures we implemented for our administration office and competitions management over the last few years have proved to work well and we have continued to cut costs, while also growing our membership numbers.

The WP administration staff now all work remotely, with the office being available for club visits, drop-offs, and pick-ups once a week. This has seen a great improvement in productivity as we move to a more modern setup.

Our competition season was jam packed and the increased use of the Bowls Draw system and our website saw results being available far quicker than ever before. There has also been a marked increase in social media postings around bowls in the Western Cape, and the membership growth reflects this.

There is always room for improvement, and we recently completed a complete restructuring of the Executive structure, including how roles and responsibilities are allocated, to further streamline operations. I believe that we will see the benefits of this over the coming months and look forward to the year ahead.

Sponsorship

Our headline sponsor remains Personal Trust. They are not only the main sponsor of all our District competitions, but also offer incredible support to most of our member clubs. Their commitment and dedication to bowls is amazing and I cannot thank them enough.

We have recently completed an exercise with a detailed analysis of the costs of each competition. We will use this information to put together more targeted sponsorship opportunities as we look for additional sponsors.

WP Competitions and BSA Masters

For the second year in a row, we completed a full season of our District competitions and entries were up again for most of them.

As already mentioned, competition administration improved significantly with the use of technology, even with the extra complexities introduced by zoning many of them during the early rounds. A huge thank you to Barrie Eksteen and his team for putting out the draws and venues, which I know is not always a straightforward task.

Jenny Philips and her team ran a hugely successful BSA Masters tournament earlier this year, and we had excellent feedback around our organisation and administration of the tournament.

Finance

We continue to reap the benefits of a streamlined account system which is completely online and thank SMARTEDGE accounting for their sponsorship of this package. Jenny Griffiths and Denise Vermeulen continued to juggle the demands of a growing district with the increasing red tape required to keep money coming in from government and Lotto.

Our financial performance was significantly better than budgeted for, and I thank everyone for their hard work in achieving this.

We are saying goodbye to Jenny Griffiths as the district treasurer this year, and I extend my gratitude to her for all the hard work and time she has poured into the district in her role as treasurer.

Membership and Marketing

Taz Bright continues to work hard, often behind the scenes and unrecognised by many of our members. The increasing social media awareness of bowls in the Western Cape and the ongoing growth of our membership shows that the groundwork done is solid and starting to bear fruit.

I have had several discussions with Taz and some of the new members of the membership and marketing standing committee and look forward to the announcements of their plans over the next few months.

Selectors

There were several changes to the selection committees during the year, but they all stuck to the principles established three years ago and their hard work was evident.

At the Inter District competition, we improved from 2 silvers and a bronze in 2022 to 2 golds and a bronze this year. This is the best result we have had for some time, and I am very grateful for the hard work being done by all our selectors.

It is great to see that both the men's and women's selectors have already started planning for next year and squads are already being formed. I am looking forward to the new season.

Coaches

Our coaching standing committee continues to do sterling work in the development of our players. The development of coaches over the years of the pandemic did not progress and they worked hard over the last year to catch up. There were several coaching courses for renewal and upgrading of credentials, and we have some wonderful new coaches in the district.

A ladies high performance squad has been meeting regularly and there is a lot of very active involvement in developing our junior bowlers.

Thank you to the entire coaching team for their ongoing commitment, and their work on looking after the future of our sport.

Technical Officials

Our technical officials have been called on a lot this season, not least of all for the BSA Masters. They are, so often, the unacknowledged heroes of our tournaments and their time and expertise is massively appreciated.

There are plans to run more course for markers and umpires in the coming year and I encourage each of you to consider upgrading your qualifications and partaking of the opportunities offered.

Greens

Our Greens Care standing committee has been one of the most active over the past year, with regular updates being published to clubs. Content continues to be added to their greenscare.wpbowls.co.za website and I urge all clubs to make use of this invaluable resource.

They have been incredibly responsive to assist whenever and wherever needed and ensured that we have the best possible greens to play on.

I salute their dedication and commitment.

General

I am very pleased with the wide range of improvements that have taken place over the past year, and proud of the hard work being done by so many of our members.

We are slowly but surely moving towards being a more streamlined and efficient organisation with improved systems in place across the board. This has been a lot of work and many of our volunteers have put in a lot of late nights.

Our finances are improving and the membership decline reversing as we move away from the years of drought followed by a global pandemic.

I am looking forward to seeing us continue on this path as we continue to put the planning into action in the coming years.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve this amazing district. It is always an honour and a pleasure, and I thank you all.

Gerrit van Milligen
President

COACHES

District Standing Committee for Coaches Annual report - 2023

This year has been quite a stop start kind of year. And as a committee we have not achieved all that we set out to achieve at the beginning of the year. We had dates set up for coaches' courses, but these had to be cancelled due to a variety of factors including a very busy Western Province Bowls calendar. We did however run some courses and we welcome all our newly qualified coaches who have completed their training this year.

As our coaches must refresh their credentials every four years a Coach-2-Coach Day was held at WPCC on Saturday 23rd July 2022 to enable all those coaches who had not been able to attend a refresher due to Covid the opportunity to do so and keep their coaching credentials active. We had 18 participants at the event with sessions being presented by Eddie Phillips and Jenny Griffiths. It was a great interactive morning both on and off the green and a good time to catch up with coaches who we haven't seen since the start of Covid.

With the new qualification levels in place, we ran a new Level 1 coaches' course at Durbanville over the weekend of the 6 and 7th August 2022 and we had 19 candidates registered for the course. Following the successful completion of their post course work 13 of them will receive their badges and certificates which have been delayed at the national office as the new system for issuing the badges and certificates was sorted out.

As many of these Level 1 coaches had not completed their post course work in time for the dates set for the Level 2 course the course had to be cancelled and will be rescheduled for the next financial year. We had hoped to experiment with this course by running it in the evenings to accommodate working people but this needs to be done in the summertime with longer evenings available to us.

Western Province sent 3 coaches to the South Level 2 coaches' course in Knysna from the 12th – 16th November. They were Eddie Phillips, Lynda Nurrish and Chris Nurrish. Each of these coaches needs to complete various aspects of their post course work to qualify as a Level 3 coach.

There has been ongoing coaching on a regular basis with the Z-Squad coaching continuing at various clubs on the third Saturday morning of each month. We have seen a huge improvement in the players who attend this squad and many attribute to not only the physical skills training but to the mental skills training that they receive at these sessions.

The ladies who didn't make the final Inter District squad were invited to be part of the HP (High Potential) Squad which meets on the first Saturday each month at various clubs. Chris and Lynda Nurrish have been assisting Jenny Griffiths in running these squad practices which include both physical skills development as well as mental skills development.

The third squad meeting each month is the J-Squad for our junior bowlers and Eddie Phillips, Janet and Wayne Schmidt have been assisting Jenny Griffiths with this group of players. 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.

A big thank you to my committee of Eddie Phillips, Hennie Venter, Chris Nurrish and Shannon Phillips for their assistance through this year.

Jenny Griffiths - Convenor

LADIES' SELECTORS

Three years ago the Ladies Selection Committee made a commitment to a program geared towards the 2022/23 Inter Districts sides winning Gold.

To a degree we achieved our goal....

The Open B won Gold and both the Open A and the Veterans finished third overall.

The Open As started off very well and our hopes were high for a medal but sadly they lost their way towards the end of the tournament.

Due to torrential rain which flooded the Oudtshoorn greens the Veterans were unable to have their practice game on the Sunday afternoon.

Subsequently they went out on the rainy Monday morning to play their first game which they lost. Unfortunately they lost their afternoon game as well.

After that disappointing start they never looked back and won the rest of their games, narrowly missing a bronze medal on shot aggregate and finishing third overall.

After reducing our Squad numbers to the final twenty-four it was decided to keep the players who had not made the 24 in a high potential squad which would meet monthly with Jenny Griffiths and her coaching team. The idea being to hone the skills and use them when and if necessary.

The Selectors felt as these ladies were potentially the “next best” available save for any new bowlers to the Province or, any others who had shown promise, they and the current 24 ID players would form the Squad for the 2023/24 season.

It was also decided to run just two full weekends of Trials after which we would select the best 24 players as preliminary ID sides and send them out to practice or play in as many competitions as possible, thus allowing them as much time as possible to get to know each other’s strengths and weaknesses and form compatible teams.

We have already had one weekend of trials with another mid August to follow.

Unfortunately we have had two withdrawals, Barbara Taylor says she’s finding it too difficult to manage work, family commitments and the time she feels she owes to her team with regard to practice afternoons.

Susan McKay – Vlok has planned an overseas trip to visit her family in mid-June and will not be able to get leave for that and ID in March.

I would like to thank Jenny Griffiths for ever her available help and wise counsel when needed.

It has been a pleasure working with Sylvia Burns, Margaret Thomas, Nina Painter and Anita Groenewald. I thank them for their time and effort over the past three years.

Sylvia and Margaret have stood down and we welcome Lynda Nurrish and Paulina Dockendorf to the committee. A thank you too is due to the various clubs who have generously allowed us to use their facilities.

Sandy Wehrli
(Convenor Ladies Selection Committee)

MEN’S SELECTORS

GREENS CARE

The Greenscare Committee membership and structure has changed during the past year. The new Convenor replacing Terry Hepworth is Vernon Dryden, and the new Secretary is Trevor Wheeler.

The Committee has said a reluctant farewell to Terry Drew and welcomed new member Brian Pearson. During the year, new material has been added to our Greenscare website, and more changes and additional material to be added are in the process of being prepared for incorporation.

The Greenscare Committee place great importance on the continued improvement of the Website, as it provides a wealth of information aimed at both new and experienced Greenkeepers. There are several downloadable documents providing information about the taking of greens levels, greens inspections and gradings. A comprehensive indexing system is being prepared to ensure that all documentation held on the Website is fully up to date and easily referenced.

Much discussion has been had regarding the timing of the annual renovation of Club greens. There is considerable evidence around to suggest that renovating a green during November and December gives a much better and faster result. To accommodate this optimum time, the Western Province Executive has looked at keeping this period free from Province competitions, and Clubs are encouraged to act similarly.

The monthly Newsletter continues to be published, with advice and information relevant to the timing of each release. In addition, several advisory bulletins have been circulated covering topics relevant to the timing of their issue.

Preparation is being made to introduce a level 2 Greenkeepers course in conjunction BSA, aimed at greenkeepers who have at least three years' experience, and who wish to extend their knowledge. It is intended that this course will include a practical exercise.

Preliminary inspections have been undertaken to determine venues for the 2024 Ladies Masters in conjunction with BSA. The committee has decided to extend these inspections to cover all affiliated Clubs in the Province. A summary of the results will be published towards the end of September 2023.

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

I wish to express my thanks to Bill McCarthy, Collyn de Witt, Trevor Wheeler, Nic Marais and Brian Pearson for their constant enthusiasm and willingness to travel around the District to offer assistance where necessary and make a special thank you to Terry Hepworth for attending our meeting as our BSA representative, despite moving out of the area.

JUNIORS (U15's, U20's, U45's)

The 2022 – 2023 season has been an active one for the Juniors in Western Province. An ongoing feature is the J-Squad that meets on the second Saturday morning each month at Pinelands Bowling Club where any junior is welcome, from experienced to beginner. The group varies in size depending on what WP district competitions are being played and other school sport. On the third Saturday of the month a similar group meets in the Basin under the leadership of Aloma Smith. In the coming year we are planning to draw these two groups closer together. Paul Cohen quietly continues to coach a few juniors from areas in and around Heidelberg and Aloma, with the assistance of Armand Smit, are working with a group of learners from Strand High School.

Junior Tournaments:

In September 2022 Western Province sent 4 teams to the Under 30 Inter Districts in Hermanus. For some of these players it was the first time playing at this level and they fought all the way and some of the teams had some great wins against all odds. A great learning experience for many of these players. Our Under 30 B team made it all the way to the finals and emerged as runners up. Well done to Andre (Choppie) Robbertse, Daniel Griebenauw, Blaid Pretorius and Duwayne Tiemie under the watchful eye of manager Eugene Ferreira.

At the beginning of October 2022 Western Province sent three teams to Tulbagh to take part in the Western Cape Envar Buys tournament for juniors. With loads of sun, great friendships, great camaraderie, we returned with a gold medal for our Under 15A team of Ryan Truter, William Neethling, Divan Joubert and Divan Laubscher. Some new combinations were tried, and all gained valuable experience.

The highlight of our junior calendar is always the Junior Nationals held in Bloemfontein during the April holidays. This year we took a group of 24 players plus 7 managers. Two teams in each of the three age categories, Under 25's, Under 18's and Under 15's. For the younger players this week always provides an opportunity to improve their game and this year saw several of them find more confidence as the week progressed. Our Under 25A team of Armand Ascaray, Justin Brink, Luandre Stipp and Daniel Vaughan fought hard all week and ended victorious bringing home the gold medal along with their manager Eddie Phillips. The Under 15A team were pipped at the post by one shot in an epic final. Silver for Wayne Schmidt and his team of William Neethling, Vigo Alves, Thando Magwaca and Divan Joubert.

This year the Under 18 Master's was held at the same time as the Open and Veterans Masters giving our Juniors the opportunity to play alongside some of their heroes in the District. It's always a stressful time for the players as many of them only have a few opportunities to play singles in a competitive setting. But it's a time to help them learn more about themselves and about the game as we encourage them to make their own decisions on the green. Using the same format as their senior counterparts the juniors fought in two round robin sections. On the Sunday afternoon in cold, miserable conditions the finals were played between Ryan Truter (Edgemead) and Divan Joubert (Goodwood) with Ryan coming out as the winner for a second year in a row and gaining a spot in the Under 30 Masters. The bronze medallists were William Neethling (Edgemead) and Werner Langenhoven (Kraaifontein) with William beating Werner in a playoff for bragging rights.

A few weeks later again in miserable weather conditions the Under 30 Masters was played at Plumstead Bowling Club. Two divisions played the same format as the other Masters had been played. Lots of changes in the leaderboards and eventually the final was contested between Andre (Choppie) Robbertse (Bellville) and Francois Klopers (Durbanville) with Andre winning the gold medal in his last year as an Under 30 player. The bronze medallists were Tyler Pitcher (Durbanville) and Ryan Truter (Edgemead).

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)

WP NOMAD REPORT

BLIND BOWLERS (PENINSULA REGION)

Our season kicked off with news that five of Peninsula members were selected to represent South Africa at the World Championships in Australia in March 2023. The five selected were Princess Schroeder with her director Graham Ward, Abraham Crouse with his director Jennifer Mc Court and Michelle Eshun with her director Owen James from Ekurhuleni. Various fundraising events were held to assist the members going to the IBBA Championships such as Bowls Days at Mowbray BC and Helderberg BC where our members had an opportunity to participate in the trip's competitions. Those that participated in the IBBA Championships made Peninsula proud by bringing back gold, silver, and bronze medals.

We had our annual bowls day at Fish Hoek BC that took place in January and as always enjoyed by everyone. Helderberg Village also invited us to a friendly competition bowls day.

The National Championships took place in Pretoria from 21 May to 27 May and once again Peninsula held their heads high bringing back 2 Gold medals, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze with the overall team trophy.

In the new season we would like to embark on a project to bring more directors to assist our visually impaired bowlers. There are several visually impaired people that would love to take up the sport, but this is difficult as there is a lack of directors. Peninsula would also like to have coaching sessions for the directors and bowlers alike. We would really like the Peninsula Blind Bowlers team to grow in membership.

The season closed on the 1 July and will reopen on 7 October 2023.

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