



WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS

Western Province Bowls Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Agenda

Annual Report 2024 - 2025

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, Eddie Douglas
Nico Taljaard, Jonathan Cochrane

ADMINISTRATION

Debbie Phillips (District Administrator)
Paulina Dockendorff (Competition Secretary)
Taryn Bright (Marketing & Membership)

AUDITORS

Zaccheus Accountants Inc

Honorary Life Members

Mr Travers-Phillips, Mr G Donaldson, Mr S Martinengo, Mrs R Myers, Ms D de Power, Mr G Kemp, Mr N Burkett, Mr A Lofthouse, Mr K Campbell, Ms T Young.

Standing Committees and Ancillary Representatives

Finance	Joy Calvert	Competitions	Nico Taljaard
Coaches	Eddie Phillips	Youth Bowls	Jenny Griffiths
Disability Bowls	Eddie van der Heiden	Under 45	Gerrit van Milligen
Greens Care	Trevor Wheeler	Marketing & Membership	Joy Calvert
Women's Selection	Paulina Dockendorff	Blind Bowlers (WP)	Princess Schroeder
Men's Selection	Schalk Kotze	Blind Bowlers (Peninsula)	Princess Schroeder
Technical Officials	Jenny Phillips	WP Nomads	Joy Calvert

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 Delport	WPCC	2009-12
Ms D de Power	WPCC	2012-15	* Mr J Edwards	Plumstead	2015-17
Mr G Kemp	Edgemead	2018-21	Mr G van Milligen	Bellville	2022-25

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	Edgemead	2008-12	Mrs D Thelander		2012-15
Ms L Botha	Mowbray	2015-21	Mr CM Nurrish	Meadowridge	2022-24
Ms DL Phillips	Durbanville	2024-			

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 Lentin	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	Jaggers	1992-94	* Mrs E Wonnacott	Meadowridge	1994-96
* Mrs E Crous	Durbanville	1996			

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* 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	Kuils River	1993
* Mrs B McDonald	Howard	1993-96			

Council Delegates – Meeting March 2025

1	Bellville	B Eksteen, L Myburgh	18	Malmesbury	-
2	Bergvliet	P Oosthuis	19	Meadowridge	C Nurrish
3	Constantia	E Douglas	20	Milnerton	J Raad, J Bezuidenhout
4	CT Military	-	21	Mowbray	N Jones, C Fisher
5	Durbanville	F Bruwer, G Crowley	22	Oakdale	R Truter, R Truter
6	Edgemoed	J Cochrane	23	Old Oak	Apologies
7	Fish Hoek	I Fogan, N Bye	24	Parow	-
8	Fresnaye	-	25	Pinelands	Apologies
9	Gardens	-	26	Plumstead	M Kirsten
10	Glen CC	R Myers	27	Pollsmoor	J Calvert, M Ohlsson
11	Goodwood	C Bradley, A Woolf	28	Somerset W	L Taljaard
12	Gordon's Bay	Apologies	29	Stellenbosch	H Mocke, P Mocke
13	Helderberg	G Jason	30	Strand	M Eksteen, A van Soelen
14	Helderberg Village	-	31	Sunningdale	B Atherton
15	Kelvin Grove	R Kruger	32	Wheatfield	-
16	Kraaifontein	G van Zyle, K Shaw	33	WPCC	N Marais, A Phillips
17	Kuils River	G Bensley, J Bezuidenhout			

Clubs Forming the Western Province Bowls Association

Club	Affiliated	Club	Affiliated
Gardens (1896)	1906	Goodwood	1963
Mowbray	1919	Pollsmoor	1967
Plumstead	1922	Constantia	1971
Fresnaye	1929	Old Oak	1972
Pinelands	1929	Oakdale	1976
Strand	1930	Kuils River	1977
Fish Hoek	1932	Sunningdale	1979
Somerset West	1937	Gordon's Bay	1979
Stellenbosch	1943	Helderberg	1981
Bellville	1945	Wheatfield	1983
Milnerton	1945	Edgemead	1984
Malmesbury	1951	Meadowridge	1990
Durbanville	1951	Kraaifontein	1990
Bergvliet	1952	Helderberg Village	1993
Glen CC	1955	Cape Town Military (1969)	2008
WPCC	1959	Kelvin Grove	2024
Parow	1960		

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 Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Western Province Bowls Association will be held on Saturday, 16th August 2025 at the Western Province Cricket Club Bowls Clubhouse, 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 Mark Gibbs, Director of Personal Trust.
7. To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (18th August 2024).
8. To consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the year - 01 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.
9. To present recommendations of the Executive.
 - 9.1. WP Competitions and Calendar
 - 9.2. 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 2024 - 30 June 2025.
 - 10.2. To present the 2025-2026 Budget.
11. Motions for approval and adoption:

11.1. To be presented at the BSA AGM (BSA Agenda Points 7.1 - 7.8)

7.1 Motion 1: Change to Constitution – By Bowls SA Executive

It is hereby proposed that the following amendments be made to the Bowls SA Constitution:

“Clause 34.1 The financial year of BOWLS SA is the 12 (Twelve) month period commencing on 1 April in one year and ending on 31 March of the following year.”

To be amended to read as follows:

Clause 34.1 The financial year of BOWLS SA is the 12 (Twelve) month period commencing on 1 January and ending on 31 December each year.

Subject to Council's approval of the proposed motion Bowls South Africa also seeks approval to amend such provisions of the Constitution that are impacted as a consequence of this change.

Motivation:

The majority of Bowls SA's activities are planned according to the calendar year while the "affiliation" fees are also determined on a calendar year. The change will allow Bowls SA to align its budgeting and financial obligations accordingly.

7.2 Motion 2: Increase of 10% in Affiliation Fees – By Bowls SA Executive

To increase affiliation fees payable to Bowls SA in January 2026 by 10% (ten percent) based on the fees payable in January 2025.

Motivation:

In motivating this increase which we are aware is well above the current consumer inflation rate, we have considered a number of factors, some of which are listed Below.

a. Long term financial strategy

The financial strategy has been developed to meet our medium-term strategic goals and objectives and the proposed budget for next year. Our financial strategy is multi-faceted ranging from,

- increasing sponsorships,
- obtaining more support from Government,
- prudent and considered spending on our local operations.
- reasonable fee increases from our stakeholders.
- The current state of our financial robustness
- Level of participation in future international events

b. Sponsorships

We continue to benefit to a very large extend, from financial assistance from the Department of sport and other, private sector sponsors. However, the continuation or even an increase in sponsorship depends on the future benefit to the sponsors and greater racial representation in our Membership.

c. Our financial strength

The financial position of Bowls South Africa has weakened over the past few years due in part to our participation in international events. In March 2022, our cash resources amounted to R 10.7m. At the end of March 2025 this has reduced to R 5.1m which must fund our expenditure for the next nine months. We do not aim at improving this situation with this increase, but it remains thoughtful consideration going forward.

d. Past increases in subscription fees below our expenditure levels The financial year just ended resulted in a substantial shortfall, very different from the surpluses reported over the past few years. Had we received the requested increase of 10% last year, the shortfall for 2025 would have been R 160 000 smaller. Furthermore, the "holiday" in fee increases we gave our members during the Covid crisis, weakened our future fee base by R 310 000 in today's terms as cost inflation increased during 2023, but our fee base did not. In part, this is the reason for the higher than inflation increase requested for next year.

e. Initiatives to improve operational expenditures.

The standing committee on finance has undertaken the task to propose improvements in the operational expenditures, while considering the risks inherent in our relatively small, head office operation.

f. Level of future participation in international bowling tournaments.

We have considered our future participation in international events and greater consideration will be given to the affordability thereof within a framework of providing opportunities for our members to compete against other playing countries. These initiatives will require time to show the desired results and will depend, amongst other things, on the level of financial support from outside sources. We have applied to the government sponsored Lotto for financial assistance for our participation of the world bowling events in 2 years' time.

g. Impact of increases in travel and other costs above the inflation rate

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 currencies, it is the opinion of the Executive that to control financial stability, an increase of 10% (ten percent) is reasonable.

h. High Quality Live-Streaming

The enhanced quality – for which Bowls SA has received compliments from World Bowls - of live-streaming, which can be enjoyed by all, comes at a cost. Bowls SA would like to continue making this available to all as it assists in ensuring more people, including non-bowlers, have an opportunity to see top class bowls in the comfort of their home.

7.3 Motion 3: BDSA to be accepted as an Associate Member – By Bowls SA Executive

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 cooperation between Bowls SA and BDSA (including PDBSA and VIBSA). The enhanced cooperation is especially important as World Bowls now caters for the Physically Disabled and Visually Impaired in World Bowls events, i.e. World Championships and World Cup. Bowls SA is recognised by inter-alia SASCOC and World Bowls, as the sole National Federation for the sport of bowls in South Africa and as such the enhanced cooperation between Bowls SA and BDSA will see mutual benefits when teams are selected to inter-alia participate in these events and the Commonwealth Games.

7.4 Motion 4: U35s – ID players – by Western Cape Bowls

There is no restriction as to who is eligible to play in the U35 IDs. If a player has been selected for the Bowls SA Gold Squad, Green Squad or a District A Side they are still available for selection for the U35 side.

Motion – To restrict selection of players for U25's and U35 ID sides if they are already represented in the Open A District side, Gold and/or Green squads during that current season.

Motivation:

Once you have been selected for your district open side you have achieved the highest level possible at provincial level. By restricting the selection of Open A players and Gold and/or Green squads, opportunities will be given to fresh talent that might be coming through the ranks which is currently prevented by players who have already achieved at the highest level.

7.5 Motion 5: Playoff for Bronze Medals in all Bowls SA Competitions – Nationals and Inter Districts – by Western Cape Bowls

*Currently there is no Playoff for 3rd and 4th. Both players/teams get a Bronze medal.
Motion - There is a Playoff for 3rd and 4th with the winner receiving the Bronze medal.*

Motivation:

As the draw is open, 1 section of the draw could feature a stronger field with 2 or 3 “probable” finalists in that section. A Playoff against the opposite section would give the winner an earned medal.

7.6 Motion 6: ID Players Automatically Certified as Level 1 Coaches – by North West Bowls

Inter District players who have played in the Inter District tournaments for four years and longer should automatically be certified as a Level one coach. After that the Level one coaches can do further coaching courses as specified by Bowls SA.

Motivation:

This will enable new players to be assisted and coached by players with experience on a higher level of bowls. In addition, more coaches will be available to new and existing players.

7.7 Motion 7: Membership Fees – by Northern Cape Bowls

That the approved motion to change the membership a few years back be reconsidered or rescinded as it is to the detriment of smaller districts losing many players.

Motivation:

The fixed tariff was set with a percentage annual increase, not taking into consideration the losing of membership in the current economical state, putting an extra burden on clubs, who struggle to survive. In committing your district to the set amount, you place a burden on existing players or clubs to pay more due to dwindling numbers to meet the amount set. This unfortunately results that a huge lot of players do not renew their membership. In one small club alone 15 members. Fundraising and marketing in the country districts is an absolute daunting task, because of many sporting associations all wanting a slice of the cake.

7.8 Motion 8: Membership Fees Clubs – By Northern Cape Bowls

That country clubs be allowed to revert to the old, approved membership fees of paying a fixed membership amount per player per annum, which is not greater than the current membership.

Motivation:

This will allow country districts to set a less fixed membership fee to attract those that stopped playing due to the increase and to attract new players as it is out of reach for most of them that are interested.

11.2. Motion from Goodwood Bowling Club

Proposed Amendments to Western Province Bowls Association Constitution:

Clause 12.2.6

Removal of "on or in any public platform or place"

Revised Clause 12.2.6

Any player or person, being a member of an affiliated club, who has conducted himself or herself, whether verbally or physically, on or within the precincts of any green of any member club, in a manner considered to be contrary to the interests of bowls, the accepted norms of bowling behaviour, or which is considered to bring the Association or its Officers into disrepute.

Rationale for Amendment

- The phrase “on or in any public platform or place” has been removed to clarify that the Association’s disciplinary powers are limited to conduct occurring within contexts directly related to the sport of bowls and its facilities.
- This amendment aligns with the principle that the Association cannot exercise control over members’ actions outside the scope of bowling activities or outside the sporting environment.
- The change helps ensure fair and reasonable application of the code of conduct and constitution, focusing on behaviour that affects the sport, its venues, and its reputation within the sporting context.
- According to information Western Province Bowls Association published on their own website www.wpbowls.co.za BSA’s legal representative gave information on what should be included in constitutions – “The club through its committee shall be obliged to take appropriate disciplinary action against any of its individual members who contravene any applicable code of conduct, rule, bylaw or resolution by the club committee, District or Bowls SA or who commits any act deemed to be harmful to the sport of bowls or any other member or person at any club, bowls facility or bowls event or any other act which brings the sport into disrepute.”

Clause 7.7.1

Addition of "and published on the Western Province Bowls Association website www.wpbowls.co.za no less than fourteen days after each Meeting”

Revised Clause 7.7.1

Full records of the Minutes of Meetings of the Executive and of Council and of the finances of the Association shall be maintained under the control of the Executive and shall be circulated to all Member Clubs and published on the Western Province Bowls Association website www.wpbowls.co.za no less than fourteen days after each Meeting. These minutes must be kept as a permanent record in a safe place at the Associations head office and always be on hand for members to consult /review.

Rationale for Amendment

- Minutes of meetings are not regularly published on the website. At present date, the last available published minutes on the Western Province Bowls Association website are dated 4 May 2024 for Council Meeting and 16 July 2024 for Executive Committee meeting.
- At the last Council meeting held 8 March 2025, it was queried why no minutes were sent to clubs of Executive Committee meetings held between 1 October 2024 and 7 January 2025. WPBA President, Gerrit van Milligen, told the Council meeting that these minutes would be distributed to clubs, to date these have not been received. By publishing all Executive Committee and Council meeting minutes on the website in a timely manner, these minutes will be available to all members.

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 2025-2027

15.1 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 Tony Harland (Durbanville)* – unopposed as President

Vice-President *Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead)* – unopposed as Vice-President

Treasurer *Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor)* – unopposed as Treasurer

Executive of six Mr Eddie Douglas (Constantia) - in second year of term
Mr Mark Gibbs (WPCC) - in second year of term
Mr Nico Taljaard (Somerset West) - in second year of term
Mr Jonathan Cochrane (Edgemoed)
Ms Anina Black (Edgemoed)

Mr Eddie Douglas was elected for a 2-year period in August 2024, and his current terms expires in August 2026.

Mr Mark Gibbs was elected for a 2-year period in August 2024, and his current terms expires in August 2026.

Mr Nico Taljaard was elected for a 2-year period in August 2024, and his current terms expires in August 2026.

Mr Tony Harland was not opposed as President and is appointed to the position.

Ms Marianna Kirsten was not opposed as Vice-President and is appointed to the position.

Ms Joy Calvert was not opposed as Treasurer and is appointed to the position.

There are 3 vacancies for Executive Members, with two nominations received. The two nominees are appointed to the Executive Committee, and no election will be held.

15.2 Outcome of the election announced, and Badges presented to the new Executive Members.

16. Any other matters

17. Meeting conclusion

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Minutes of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of Western Province Bowls held at Pinelands Bowling Club on Saturday 17 August 2024 at 09h30.

Present

Executive

Gerrit van Milligen – President (GvM)
Joy Calvert – Treasurer (JC)
Tony Harland - Vice President (TH) - attended virtually via Teams
Marianna Kirsten (MK)
Mark Gibbs (MG)
Danie de Klerk (DdK)
Nico Taljaard (NT)
Grant Rightford (GR)

Administration

Debbie Phillips (DP)
Denise Vermeulen (DV)

Apologies

Barrie Eksteen (Competitions), Claire Cowan (DSC WP Players), Doreen de Power (HLM), Greg Nasson (Personal Trust), Janet Schmidt (Executive), Jenny Phillips (DSC TO), Len Steele (Milnerton), Riva Myers (HLM), Sergio Martinengo (HLM), Taz Bright (M&M), Trevor Wheeler (DSC Greens Care)

1. To read the Notice Convening the Meeting

The notice convening the meeting was read by Debbie Phillips 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)

27 Clubs attended

Bellville (2), Bergvliet (1), Constantia (1), Durbanville (2), Edgemoed (2), Fish Hoek (2), Glen CC (2), Goodwood (1), Gordon's Bay (2), Helderberg (1), Kraaifontein (2), Kuils River (2), Malmesbury (2), Meadowridge (2), Milnerton (2), Mowbray (2), Oakdale (1), Old Oak (2), Pinelands (1), Plumstead (2), Pollsmoor (1), Somerset West (2), Stellenbosch (2), Strand (2), Sunningdale (2), Wheatfield (2) & WPCC (2).

Also, in attendance

Honorary Life Members Representatives

Graeme Kemp
Chris Nurrish (WP Admin), Eddie van der Heiden (Disability Bowls),
Graham Ward (VI Bowls), Jenny Griffiths (DSC Coaches/DSC Youth
Bowls), Paulina Dockendorff (Ladies' Selection)

Nominees

Danie de Klerk, Eddie Douglas, Grant Rightford, John Blight and Jonathan
Cochrane, Marianna Kirsten, Mark Gibbs, Nico Taljaard

4. To receive Apologies

No apologies: CT Military, Fresnaye, Gardens, Helderberg Village and Parow.

5. Record Obituaries for the Year

The President stated that the list of members who had passed on during the period 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 was included in the Annual Report. Anton van der Westhuizen and John McCaffrey from Gordon's Bay were added. 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. He mentioned that Personal Trust has been a sponsor of WP Bowls for quite a long time and have agreed to renew their sponsorship for next year, 2025 at R170 000. He said that it is a great privilege for Personal Trust to sponsor WP Bowls. It had been a long and rewarding journey for them and they continue to thank and appreciate the support they receive from bowlers, and they are looking forward to more word-of-mouth referrals coming in so they can continue to assist WP Bowls.

He remarked that he had been asked at a previous council meeting if there was not a conflict of interest being a sponsor and being on the Executive, but he does not feel that is so and if any conflict should arise, he would recuse himself.

He also stated that there is also space for other players in the sponsorship space and Mark would be meeting with Lombard Barnard from Fairtree to work out common ground and how they can collaborate further. They have already worked together for the Inter Districts and will continue to look for ways to collaborate for the benefit of the sport and WP Bowls.

Mark appealed for other sponsors to come aboard and help WP Bowls and grow the sport. He wished the WP Bowls Executive a good year along with all the bowlers.

The President then thanked Personal Trust for their continuous sponsorship which was most appreciated, and it was a privilege to have such a sponsor. He appealed to members to refer any possible clients to Personal Trust.

7. To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (19 August 2023)

The minutes of the 117th Annual General Meeting held on 19 August 2023 were taken as read. There were no objections from the floor.

8. To consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The President expressed his appreciation to all involved in the compilation of the Annual Report, especially Mark Douglas. Gordon's Bay congratulated the Executive on an excellent Annual report. The Annual Report was taken as read and there were no objections from the floor.

9. To present recommendations of the Executive:

9.1. WP Affiliation Fees

The Executive proposed an increase of 6%, which is in line with inflation.

The President asked for the members' agreement and there were no objections from the floor.

Gordon's Bay asked for confirmation of the exact amount of WP Affiliation fees and the Treasurer responded with R315.00.

10. Finance

10.1. To consider, and if approved, adopt:

The audited WP Bowls Association's Financial Statements for the year 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

The President thanked the Treasurer for all the hard work put into managing the finances and getting the Financials to the auditor. He stated that we have a new auditor this year who is charging a more economical rate which assists in cost saving and that it was a pleasant experience working with him this year and the Financials came out sooner than last year.

The President asked if there were any comments on the Financials. Mowbray pointed out an error in allocation under Point 3 on page 18 referring to the Wynberg Bowling Club Legacy Fund. The Treasurer agreed that that was an error and that she had asked for it to be corrected. Edgemoor pointed out a typo on the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 10 under WP Competitions. The Treasurer noted that the figure had been cut off and that it would be corrected.

The Treasurer addressed the meeting. She pointed out an item on the Balance Sheet. Part of our Wynberg Fund was at Warwick, but we have closed that account and moved all funds over to Personal Trust.

The President asked for the members' agreement in approval of the Financial Statements and there were no objections from the floor.

10.2. The 2024 – 2025 Budget

The President asked the meeting if there were any questions or comments on the budget. Responding to a question from Gordon's Bay enquiring about how many members WPBA had in the previous financial year, the Treasurer stated approximately 3200 and the President stated that it is listed in the Annual Report on page 54.

Old Oak noted that the Council had approved a 6% increase under Point 9.1, however the proposed budget is less than the previous year. The Treasurer confirmed that the budget is lower, but it was worked out on the number of WPBA current members as we will only have final membership figures in November 2024. She was hopeful that there will be a significant increase in membership numbers which will improve the situation.

Responding to a comment from the floor the President explained that the BSA membership of 3901 also includes all social and corporate bowlers on the BSA database.

The President thanked the Treasurer and the Finance Committee for reviewing the budget. The President asked for the members' agreement in approval of the Budget and there were no objections from the floor.

11. Motions for approval and adoption:

11.1. To be presented at BSA AGM (BSA Agenda Points 7.1 - 7.6):

- 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.

Eddie van der Heiden (Disability Bowls) raised a point that BDSA is actually the Standing Committee and not an Association. He raised the concern that should PDBSA and VIBSA become associate members of BSA, that they would lose their ability to work independently as NPOs regarding their own bank account, applications for Lotto funding etc. Graham Ward added to this to say that BDSA was disbanded 10 years ago, and this is a complicated issue. He requested that the details of this motion be queried as PDBSA and VIBSA have not been satisfactorily engaged with.

The President stated that Graeme Kemp, President of WCPBA, would be able to raise this issue at the forthcoming BSA AGM. Graeme Kemp agreed to do so.

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 of 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.

After a lengthy discussion where it was considered to take this motion to a sub-committee, the majority of Council were in favour of voting on the Motion.

The vote was carried out by a show of hands with three (3) indicating they were in favour of the motion. The Motion was not carried.

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.

The vote was carried out by a show of hands with nil (0) indicating they were not in favour of the motion.

The Motion was carried.

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.

The vote was carried out by a show of hands with four (4) indicating they were in favour of the motion.

The Motion was not carried.

12. Presentation of Long Service Awards and certificates

There were no proposals for Long Service Awards

13. To elect Honorary Life Members

The President announced the Executive proposal of 4 members for Honorary Life Membership, and he asked Debbie Phillips to read the motivations.

Alan Lofthouse

It is difficult to say when Alan Lofthouse started bowls as his dad had him on the greens when he was a teenager, but in 1977/78 Alan retired from baseball and football and started bowls full-time. Over the decades Alan has contributed greatly to the sport of bowls. He was awarded his Protea colours in 1994 and his international accolades include the gold medal in the fours at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria. He also has innumerable District and National titles. He has devoted a lot of time to WP Bowls, always being available to assist when needed. He was recently elected as Chairman of the Professional Bowls Association of South Africa and, as in the past, will be spending more energy on contributing to the success of the PBA and Western Province Bowls. He serves as a respected bowls commentator on the bowls live streaming channels and is also involved in mentoring upcoming bowlers at his club and across the district. We firmly believe that his service to the sport of bowls is such that Alan is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

Kevin Campbell

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

- World Championships - Campbell came to prominence in 1976 when he won the triples, fours and team gold medals at the 1976 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Johannesburg. Sixteen years later he won the triples silver medal and fours bronze medal at the 1992 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Worthing followed by another bronze at the 1996 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Adelaide. Kevin played in three World Bowls Championships, winning medals in all three.
- Commonwealth Games - Represented South Africa at three Commonwealth Games in 1994, 2002 and 2006. Won the Silver medal at the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester in fours.
- National - Campbell became the youngest ever Springbok international aged 24 and has innumerable District and National titles.
- Awarded his Springbok Colours in 1976 and his Protea Colours in 1992.

He has devoted a lot of time to our sport of bowls and to WP Bowls, always being available to assist when needed. He continues to spend time and energy in Western Province, entering WP competitions and serving as a coach at his club. We firmly believe that his service to the sport of bowls is such that Kevin is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

Neil Burkett

Neil Burkett started his bowls career in 1968 and has arguably done more for our sport than most other individuals. His international accolades include 2 World Bowls Championships medals and 4 Commonwealth Games medals. He was awarded his Springbok colours in 1983, his Protea colours in 1992 and has represented South Africa over 500 times. He has 14 National and innumerable District titles. He has devoted a lot of time and effort to WP Bowls, always being available to assist when needed and identifying and coaching countless talented players over the years. He recently stepped down as a National Selector and will be spending more energy on Western Province and Eastern Cape bowls. We firmly believe that his service to the sport of bowls is such that Neil is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

Trish Young (nee Steyn)

Trish Young (nee Steyn) started bowls in 1986 and has contributed greatly to our sport over the years, especially in the women's game in South Africa. She was awarded her Protea colours in 1997. Her international accolades include winning the gold medal in the women's fours at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. The following year in 1999, she won the fours gold medal at the Atlantic Bowls Championships. Five years later she won another gold medal in the Women's triples at the 2004 World Outdoor Bowls Championship in Leamington Spa. She has also won innumerable National and District titles. She has made many valuable contributions to our sport through the years that she has been involved in bowls and continues to do so. She currently holds the position of Ladies Selector on the National Selection Committee for Bowls South Africa and serves as a respected bowls commentator on the bowls live streaming channels. We firmly believe that her service to the sport of bowls is such that Trish is entitled to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

The President asked the meeting to vote on each of the nominations, and the outcome was as follows:

Alan Lofthouse	unanimous agreement
Kevin Campbell	unanimous agreement
Neil Burkett	unanimous agreement
Trish Young	unanimous agreement

The President thanked the meeting and stated that the Honorary Life Membership awards will be presented to the individuals in due course and mentioned that it is a great honour to have these members as Honorary Life Members of WPBA.

The President then awarded the Executive Trophy for the Ladies' Section Club of the Year to Durbanville Bowling Club and the John Edwards Trophy for the Men's Section Club of the Year to Goodwood Bowling Club.

14. To deal with any Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

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

The President introduced the election by confirming that he is in his second year of his term and that this would be his last year on the Executive. He stated that the WPBA Constitution states that no member of the Executive may serve for longer than 12 years and that this would be his 12th year and that he would be sure to make it a very good one.

He went on to cover Vice President, where he expressed a great deal of gratitude to Mark Douglas who resigned during the year due to personal reasons. He added that the Executive and the President personally owe Mark a huge debt of gratitude for the incredible amount of hard work he has put in. He further noted that Tony Harland was then co-opted as Vice President and is unopposed as Vice President in the election. He confirmed that Joy Calvert has another year of her term as Treasurer left. He also explained that due to Eugene Ferreira and Soekie Fourie's resignations during the year, that there were 3 vacancies that the Executive filled by co-opting Danie de Klerk, Grant Rightford and Nico Taljaard. He gave special thanks to Janet Schmidt, who had decided not to stand due to personal reasons, for her exceptional input to the Executive and especially all the work on the new kit and he wished her well going forward.

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

President	Mr Gerrit van Milligen (Bellville)
Vice President	Mr Tony Harland (Durbanville)
Treasurer	Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor)

The President explained to the meeting that according to Clause 7.1.2 of the WPBA Constitution which states that at least two of the members shall be of the opposite gender and no Club shall have more than two members on the Executive, Marianna Kirsten will accordingly be elected to the Executive.

He then invited the 3 new nominees to introduce themselves to the meeting and John Blight, Jonathan Cochrane and Eddie Douglas spoke briefly about their background and the contributions they could offer as part of the Executive.

After a vote was taken Danie de Klerk, Eddie Douglas, Grant Rightford, Mark Gibbs and Nico Taljaard were elected to the Executive Committee.

John Blight and Jonathan Cochrane were not elected to the Executive Committee.

Hence the full Executive Committee for the years 2024-2026 was announced as:

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 Members	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)
Mark Gibbs (WPCC)
Mr Nico Taljaard (Somerset West)

The meeting agreed to destroy the ballot papers.

16. Any Other matters

The President thanked Barrie Eksteen in his absence for the years of hard work and dedication to the role of WP Competition Secretary.

Eddie van den Heiden requested that club submit the names of all disabled players to WP Bowls so that their status can be updated on the BSA database. This will assist the DSC Disability Bowls to identify and assist physically disabled and visually impaired bowlers going forward with classification and coaching.

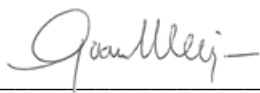
Goodwood asked for clarity on the status of social bowlers. The President explained that social bowler status is determined by the clubs, and they determine when that person may bowl at their club. He elaborated by saying that from a WPBA point of view a non-affiliated bowler may not enter a WP Competition.

Helderberg thanked M&M for the poster that came out promoting bowling events and requested some changes and clarification. Grant Rightford stated he would be following up on this with Taz Bright.

Meadowridge thanked the Executive for their hard work for the District.

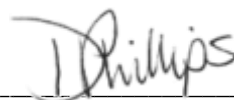
The President formally thanked Chris Nurrish for his years of service and presented Debbie Phillips with the WPBA Secretariat badge.

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



Gerrit van Milligen
WP Bowls Executive President

23 August 2024



Debbie Phillips
WP Bowls District Administrator

23 August 2024

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Annual Report for the Season 2024 – 2025

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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.

Bellville	Neville Potgieter
Constantia	David Wilson
	Peter Cawood
Durbanville	Irma Carroll
	Louise Beyers
	Paul Robinson
	Roger Stacey
Edgemoor	Henty Moore
	Rob McIver
Fish Hoek	Vincent Busse
Glen	Boris Friedland
	JB Radamsky
Goodwood	Jorge Santos
Gordon's Bay	Barbara Lombaard
	Chris Stanton
Helderberg	Victor Haskins
Kraaifontein	Kevin Doyle
Kuils River	Esmé Blignaut
Meadowridge	Jacko van Graan
Milnerton	Harvey Downes
	Linda Michel
Mowbray	Susan Weber
Pinelands	Bruce van der Walt
	David Rodwell
Plumstead	John Gibson
	Terence Akerman
Somerset West	Peter Sneller
	Gerry Rosendorff
	Johan Schwartz
	Johann Gerber
	Lynn van der Vegte
Strand	Frans Visagie
	Jan Roux
	Michael Westman
Sunningdale	Russell Lochner
WPCC	Wybe Meinesz

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met eleven 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 17 August 2024, Council met on 2 November 2024 and 8 March 2025. The representation of the individual Clubs at the Meetings was as follows:

2 November 2024

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

8 March 2025

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

Membership

Membership in June of each year.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Clubs	37	37	37	36	36	36	36	34	34	34	32	33
Women	1125	1109	1072	1046	1056	1168	1054	936	741	1002	1014	1020
Men	1936	1867	1861	1811	1777	1801	1790	1619	1237	1674	1725	1668
Total	3061	2976	2933	2857	2833	2969	2844	2555	1978	2676	2739	2688

Please note that these figures can and do change almost daily, and there is not currently any manner of obtaining data from previous dates. These figures exclude, for example, 35 members who have left a club to join another but have not yet been approved at their new club and 8 members who have been suspended by their clubs.

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS – ANNUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Dear Members of Western Province Bowls,

As I deliver my final report as President of the Western Province Bowls Association, it is with both deep pride and heartfelt concern that I reflect on the year past and the state of our beloved sport.

After 12 years on the Executive (including 1 as Acting President and 4 as President) I will be stepping away from formal leadership. This moment brings with it appreciation for what we've achieved, and a sense of duty to speak honestly about the road ahead.

Pride in Our District

Let me begin by saying this: we all share an immense pride in Western Province Bowls. Our district has a long and respected history, a reputation for excellence, and a passionate community that is admired across South Africa. Our clubs, players, officials, and volunteers represent the best of what bowls can be.

Western Province has always been seen as a leading district—competitive, organized, forward-thinking.

A Reputation at Risk

However, I must also highlight a growing threat to that reputation: the spread of ongoing, often harsh criticism via social media.

When frustrations are taken to public platforms, often without context or balanced facts, those conversations don't stay local—they echo throughout the country. Other districts are watching. Bowls South Africa is watching. And the reputation of Western Province, which we've all worked hard to build, is being questioned not because of our performance—but because of our public tone.

Criticism is a right. But when it becomes personal, constant, and public, it causes real harm—not just to individuals, but to the entire district.

Let us not undo decades of hard work and credibility because of how we choose to air our grievances.

A Dwindling Pool of Volunteers

This growing negativity has had very real consequences. Fewer people are willing to step up to serve on the Executive. The demands of leadership are already high—and when those giving freely of their time are met with hostility instead of support, the result is burnout, resignation, and silence.

And this leads us to a very real risk: how will we manage the district without willing leaders? Without an Executive, there will be no structure to support leagues, championships, funding, transformation, or inter-district participation. The game cannot run itself.

We must all take shared responsibility for creating a culture where people feel encouraged to lead.

Despite the Challenges – We've Delivered

Despite this climate, I'm incredibly proud of what we accomplished this year:

- A full calendar of well-run leagues and championships
- Increased youth and development participation
- A financially stable association with sound governance

- Support for clubs in upgrading greens and facilities
- Dedicated selectors, umpires, and volunteers who gave their best at every turn

This progress is thanks to a small team of committed individuals who continued to serve, even when it was difficult.

A Call for Unity and Respect

We can disagree. We can debate. But let us never lose sight of the fact that we are on the same side. I urge all bowlers in the district:

Think before you post.
Reach out before you criticise.
Appreciate before you condemn.

Words carry weight, and we all have a role to play in the tone and health of our community.

Let Western Province once again be known not just for skill on the green—but for unity, dignity, and respect off it.

Gratitude and Farewell

To my colleagues on the Executive - thank you. To every club administrator, coach, umpire, selector, and volunteer - thank you. To those who supported, advised, or simply encouraged me over these 12 years - your kindness made a difference.

In Closing

Leadership is not easy. It demands sacrifice, patience, and a thick skin. But it is worth it – for the sake of a sport we love.

As I hand over the baton, I do so with pride in our achievements, confidence in our future, and hope that we can reclaim a culture of positive contribution and mutual respect.

Thank you for the privilege of serving this great district.

Yours in Bowls,

Gerrit van Milligen

President - Western Province Bowls Association

The season started with great intentions to enhance the club relationships built in 2023/4. Unfortunately, early in the season, the executive started receiving a number of criticisms on social media, and we felt it was necessary to take action against certain members, which we did. The procedure followed as per the constitution was flawed, which resulted in the withdrawal of the various sanctions against these members. Sadly, the abuse continued and became personal. This is something that nobody would like to see ever happening again.

These distractions had many executive members very close to resignation and is probably the reason why some executive members were not prepared to stand again and others not prepared to make themselves available to stand for the Executive.

On a more positive note, we held the Vets Inter Districts in Cape Town with the venues primarily in Southern Suburbs, with the hosting clubs Constantia (HQ), Glen, Meadowridge, Plumstead (Sub HQ), and WPCC. The hosting and greens supplied by these clubs were fantastic.

A special thanks to the organising committee: Jenny Phillips, Chris Nurrish, Debbie Phillips, Joy Calvert, Trevor Wheeler, and Tony Harland as convenor.

From a club liaison side and in particular membership growth, the year-on-year figures are disappointing, with a minimal 1.4% (35 additional members), and if we take out the Helderberg Village, who have disaffiliated, and Kelvin Grove, who have affiliated, the net growth remains largely unchanged.

These figures are of concern, with some clubs having a serious amount of work to be done. What is evident from these numbers is that, as much as new members are being signed up, an equal number are leaving the sport. Retention of members needs to be top of the agenda, and it also perhaps talks to the closeness of club leadership to members, especially new ones.

The sport needs to modernise and change, be more accommodating to younger members, if we are going to grow.

This also speaks to the shortage of coaches and technical officials and the need for more training courses so that these shortfalls can be addressed.

I would also like to make special mention of Gerrit, who has given huge commitment to the union over the past 12 years in various capacities, from an Executive member to President. I know that at times it has not been easy; the foundation is in place, and now it is up to the incoming executive to take it forward. Thank you and enjoy your well-deserved break.

Tony Harland
Vice President
Club Liaison

Club Membership Growth over the last 4 years

	2022	2023	2024	2025	Movement
Bellville	51	62	60	58	-2
Bergvliet	47	53	53	66	13
Cape Town Military	0	0	0	8	8
Constantia	94	109	113	106	-7
Durbanville	215	238	243	256	13
Edgemoed	157	176	184	183	-1
Fish Hoek	95	98	100	94	-6
Fresnaye	34	37	40	44	4
Gardens	2	2	2	2	0
Glen CC	99	110	102	98	-4
Goodwood	41	59	57	58	1
Gordons Bay	58	69	71	78	7
Helderberg	87	105	111	120	9
Helderberg Village	59	61	65	11	-54
Kelvin Grove	-	-	-	24	24
Kraaifontein	34	44	28	26	-2
Kuils River	47	56	58	57	-1
Malmesbury	18	21	20	29	9
Meadowridge	107	109	109	104	-5
Milnerton	83	95	75	63	-12
Mowbray	77	98	97	97	0
Oakdale	54	63	70	73	3
Old Oak	126	142	168	179	11
Parow	20	24	26	32	6
Pinelands	59	66	66	63	-3
Plumstead	66	72	68	61	-7
Pollsmoor	21	27	25	27	2
Somerset West	86	104	107	97	-10
Stellenbosch	67	76	80	70	-10
Strand	82	95	91	97	6
Sunningdale	74	88	86	105	19
Wheatfield	26	26	27	40	13
WP Cricket	70	71	67	78	11
	2156	2456	2469	2504	35

Reporting Time Period: 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025

1. Achievements Over the Last Period

During the last period, our portfolio has achieved the following:

- As can be seen on the AFS, we have managed to keep our loss to less than we had originally budgeted for. This, we feel, was quite an achievement which we managed to do by keeping a much closer eye on our expenses.
- We have sent statements to Clubs going back to the 2021 financial year in an effort to decrease the outstanding Debtors amounts. A lot of these have since been settled and we really appreciate the positive responses we have had from Clubs.

2. Plans for the Next Period

Looking ahead, our focus will be on the following:

- Our focus will be on fundraising efforts which we hope will get as much support from the members as possible. These will be in the form of All-Days, social events and dances, etc.
- We will continue to send monthly statements to Clubs in an effort to stay on top of outstanding debts. This will be a great help to us in keeping our cashflow in a manageable state so that we are not forced to dip into our Call account and can therefore earn more interest on it.

Joy Calvert
Treasurer

Executive Portfolio: District Administration: Debbie Phillips

Executive Member: Mark Gibbs

Debbie Phillips joined the WP Bowls administration on 1 July 2024, and she also took on the bookkeeping role from 1 December 2024.

I would like to recognise the massive contribution Debbie has made since joining WP Bowls. Her commitment, hard work, dedication and organisational skills have resulted in WP Bowls becoming significantly more professional. The district's administration processes and communication have improved significantly over the last year.

She works closely with the Treasurer, assisting with bookkeeping tasks, and plays a significant role in liaising with the various clubs, other Districts and with Bowls SA. She also plays a vital role in co-ordinating the various tasks of the WP Bowls Executive.

Achievements Over the Reporting Period: General Administration, Operations and Bookkeeping

Clothing and Branding

- ID clothing ordered and issued; clothing stock control
- Disa shirts - option for players to purchase; non-purchased shirts returned for reuse
- Ongoing management of WP clothing bank to save costs and sell obsolete stock
- WPB Competition and Executive badges received and distributed; sufficient badge stock until 2026.
- New WPB banner and tablecloth procured for events; Personal Trust donated media wall.

Stationery and Booklets

- League and competition scorecards distributed to all requesting clubs and adequate scorecard stock maintained (1000 per type).
- Bowls SA booklets and law books – ordered stock and sold to clubs and candidates of Technical Official and Coaching courses.

Trophies and Awards

- All new Trips League trophies funded, procured, and engraved. New U35 Masters trophy procured.
- Preparation underway for return, repair, and updated engraving of all trophies and shields before the start of 2025/2026 season.
- Engraving of trophies to be managed by WP Bowls going forward.

Bookkeeping

- Working closely with the Treasurer to support bookkeeping functions and bank reconciliations
- Thursday weekly payment runs/reconciliations implemented.
- Invoicing clubs for all competition entries and payments of prize money and expenses on a weekly basis.

Event & Travel Logistics

- Prepared estimated costings and finalised bookings for Open A, Open B, and Veteran Inter Districts, BSA Mixed Pairs and U35 Inter Districts, including travel, accommodation, and kit.
- Player and manager documentation packs prepared.

- Workload analysis conducted; notable overtime logged pre-IDs and Council/AGM meetings.

Committee and Member Updates

- Maintained updated DSC Committee Members list and managed submissions of Expressions of Interest for 2025/2026.
- Maintained Executive Portfolio Organogram.
- Coordination of Annual Report submissions from Executives and DSC Convenors.

Exco, Council and AGM Meetings

- Meeting timetable established. Booking of venues, agendas, correspondence and minutes.
- Implemented new reporting template for Exco Meetings for concise agendas and minutes. All meeting documentation signed off and uploaded on WPB website.
- AGM timetable drafted and regularly updated; reminders issued for key deadlines.
- Managed submission of Executive Nominations, Motions & Constitution Amendments for AGM Agenda.

MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING

District Standing Committee for Membership and Marketing - Annual Report 2025

Joy Calvert (Convenor)

Taz Bright

Exec Liaison: Joy Calvert

Overview

The past year focused on increasing awareness of bowls, enhancing club visibility, and growing and retaining membership with new and ongoing projects. An important aim is to support clubs in becoming more active, visible, and community driven.

Membership Summary

Key Trends

- Strongest growth seen in clubs who have adopted open coaching afternoon/evenings and are present every week. This mentors new members through regular coaching and support. Membership growth happens organically at our bigger clubs. Our smaller clubs struggle as they run projects with a few of their club volunteers doing all the work, and they subsequently lose new members to bigger clubs. This trend has been growing and is affecting smaller clubs more directly. We need numbers in all our clubs.
- Community events are directly linked to member interest and sponsorships.
- Social memberships at clubs also have a direct link to income, new bowlers and sponsorship.

Membership Growth & Retention

- Membership growth and retention are the lifeblood of any sports federation. A strong and engaged member base ensure the long-term sustainability of the sport, supports talent development, and fosters community involvement.
- Good governance brings positive member retention and future growth as well.
- That growth brings fresh energy, new ideas and increased revenue opportunities.
- Member retention reflects the value that members find in their affiliation and ensures continuity and loyalty within the sport.

Marketing

- WP website
- Greens Care website
- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- Instagram
- Fundraising projects
- New projects
- Ongoing projects

Membership

- In January, the membership portfolio was handed over. This includes:
 - Registering new members, resignations, dual members – keeping the BSA database up to date for WP Bowls
 - Invoicing (learning an accounting package, which was a first for me)
 - BSA digital cards and other admin tasks

Goals for the year ahead

Firstly, I can assist with events or membership projects at any club. Clubs just need to contact me, and we can go from there. I can take on projects if time allows, consult with clubs, manage and assist with marketing events, and mentor new members.

The next area designated for a bowls project is Kraaifontein. We're going to hit the surrounding area and use the summer evenings to introduce bowls to the community. The goal is for this to spill over into surrounding clubs and to spend some time at those clubs as well.

Conclusion

Thank you to all 33 clubs, volunteers, and committee members for their dedication to growing our sport. With continued collaboration and innovation, we are confident we can sustain and grow a vibrant, inclusive bowls community.

Continued focus on growth and retention is essential to safeguard the future of our federation. By investing in people, promoting the spirit of the sport, and adapting to changing needs, we can build a strong foundation for years to come.

	June - 2025			June - 2024			Difference	
	Full	Junior	Corporate	Full	Junior	Corporate	Full	Junior
Bellville	58	1	-	60	2	-	-2	-1
Bergvliet	66	-	-	53	-	-	13	-
Cape Town Military	8	-	-	7	-	-	1	-
Constantia	106	-	17	111	-	17	-5	-
Durbanville	256	1	19	238	1	19	18	-
Edgemoor	183	4	27	183	4	28	-	-
Fish Hoek	94	-	-	100	-	-	-6	-
Fresnaye	44	-	96	40	-	95	4	-
Gardens	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Glen CC	98	-	-	109	-	-	-11	-
Goodwood	58	5	6	61	5	6	-3	-
Gordon's Bay	78	3	71	64	3	50	14	-
Helderberg	120	2	23	112	2	23	8	-
Helderberg Village	11	-	-	69	-	-	-58	-
Kelvin Grove	24	-	-	-	-	-	24	-
Kraaifontein	26	6	37	28	6	38	-2	-
Kuils River	57	-	8	57	-	8	-	-
Malmesbury	29	-	46	20	-	45	9	-
Meadowridge	104	-	-	106	-	-	-2	-
Milnerton	63	1	-	68	1	-	-5	-
Mowbray	97	-	819	92	-	814	5	-
Oakdale	73	2	24	70	-	24	3	2
Old Oak	179	-	7	179	-	-	-	-
Parow	32	-	-	26	-	-	6	-
Pinelands	63	1	-	61	1	-	2	-
Plumstead	61	74	59	85	74	35	-24	-
Pollsmoor	27	1	1	25	1	1	2	-
Somerset W	97	4	-	112	3	-	-15	1
Stellenbosch	70	-	-	82	-	-	-12	-
Strand	97	12	-	93	9	-	4	3
Sunningdale	105	-	-	93	-	-	12	-
Wheatfield	40	109	2	39	109	2	1	-
WPCC	78	1	34	70	1	34	8	-
	2504	227	1296	2515	222	1239	-11	5

Taz Bright

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

District Standing Committee for Membership and Marketing

The Technical Officials Standing Committee has played a major role in providing umpies and markers for the various WP competitions over the year. Their contribution has been valued by all.

We do not have enough technical officials to cater for all venues where competitions are played, and various courses have now been identified over the next year to provide more umpires and markers within the District. I hereby ask that bowlers attend these courses.

Thank you to Jenny Phillips and Bob Standen for steering the ship.

Eddie Douglas

District Standing Committee for Technical Officials - Annual Report 2025

Jenny Phillips (Convenor)

Alan Phillips

Anina Black

Bob Standen

Gordon Patrick

Nico Taljaard

Exec Liaison: Eddie Douglas

The TOSC held two full marker's courses between January and end June this year.

We qualified 21 new markers as well as the last 8 of the previous season's candidates who had not completed their practical evaluations with the main group. In all, 29 new markers received their certifications – there are 2 certificates outstanding which will be applied for when the last person has completed their practical evaluation.

It has been a challenge to fit courses in over weekends because of the extremely busy WP Bowls calendar as well as all the club classics and BSA activities. We successfully ran the course over 1 full weekday of theory and practical demonstrations followed by staggered practical assessments in June. We will use that format again in coming months as it seems to suit bowlers.

We are planning to hold a further 3 markers courses this year, one which will be in the Southern Suburbs.

We also plan to hold 2 Level 1 Technical Officials courses before the end of the new season – dates will be confirmed and advised to all clubs early in September. We await the new 2025-2026 competitions calendar to finalise these dates.

Further to local training, Nico Taljaard and Jenny Phillips successfully attended the BSA Level 3 Technical Officials course in Johannesburg in October last year. It was the first level 3 Technical Officials course held by BSA in 8 years. It was enlightening and Nico was invited to stand on the National Standing Committee for Technical Officials. Johnathan Cochran and Jan Brits attended the Level 2 course hosted by Boland in June and Elmaree Eksteen will attend the Level 1 course at Langebaan as a refresher next month.

There has not been much input from the National Technical Officials Standing Committee this year, but we closely follow the International Technical Officials website and communications for international trends.

At the BSA Masters held in Johannesburg in February, the issue of players registering coaches and the lack of standards for this practice started to become apparent.

We, together with the coaches in the district and with input from other national parties, put a guideline together for the district. This should be included in the new season's CoP, and it is being considered at BSA level as well. I believe the work done on this document will benefit all bowlers and coaches as none of the details are currently included in either the coaches or technical officials training. At this point (internationally) it is not a requirement to be qualified as either to be registered as a player's coach.

We are still battling to find a good working formula for official WP Competitions so that we can uphold the requirements of the TOSC as listed in the constitution but hope that this will change early in the new season.

We are a very small committee trying to do a big job, and I am grateful for the assistance of those involved and particularly Bob Standen for his years of experience.

Jenny Phillips
Convenor

SELECTION

Executive Committee Liaison – Men's Selectors

It went well this year liaising with the Selectors. I am also on the Men's Selection Panel and Marianna Kirsten is the liaison with the Ladies Selection Panel. This worked better than in previous years. In the past there have been some issues with integration and consistency between the men and ladies and that is definitely improving now with the good working relationship that the men and ladies' selection convenors and it bodes well for the new season.

The men's selectors have had a few obstacles in recent times with some selectors resigning during their term, so consistency has been a challenge. I think Schalk Kotze serving as convenor has been a great help.

Eddie Phillips has played a massive role as well, supporting the selectors with skills, tools and all the work he has done from a coaching perspective, which is a huge improvement from last year. The number of trials dates have been reduced and there is also more emphasis on some skills assessments, so overall the selectors are in a good position for the new season.

Also, the work done on the review and updating of the selection policy/guidelines, will certainly help with the consistency of selection between men and ladies, which has had some inconsistencies in the past. It will also help with consistency within men's selections and ladies' selections.

Mark Gibbs

District Standing Committee for Men's Selectors – Annual Report 2025

Schalk Kotze (Convenor)
Mark Gibbs
Noel Solomon
Exec Liaison: Mark Gibbs

Unfortunately, Theo van der Walt resigned early in the season. He was only replaced after the Inter District tournaments by Jacko van Graan, who sadly passed away after being diagnosed with brain cancer. The kind man will be missed by many.

After a series of trials, four sides were selected for games against Boland. The final three Inter District sides were selected during the last game against Boland.

The Open side was a combination of youth and experience and performed brilliantly, bringing back a Silver Medal.

The B side also performed brilliantly and were unlucky to be robbed of the opportunity to play the final game for the Golf medal. The game was called off due to inclement weather and, as they had less points than the team in the other section, they were presented with the Silver Medal.

The highly rated Veterans Side missed out on a medal and unfortunately had to compete in very trying circumstances in a wet and windy Cape Town.

WPBA are spoiled with the abundance of talent in the province, especially with a very talented pool of younger players coming to maturity. We are confident that we will become once again a force to be reckoned with in Inter District competition for the years to come.

A huge thank you to my fellow selectors spending many hours helping me to find the right combinations and in preparing the teams to be in top form. A special word of thanks to Eddie Philips who helped and assisted with fixing small errors in technique, skills assessments, mental strength and theory sessions and overall psychological preparation of the players.

The biggest thank you goes to the players for their commitment and dedication to make our province great again!

Yours in Bowls

Schalk Kotze
Convenor

[Executive Committee Liaison – Women’s Selectors](#)

The ladies’ selectors had a very difficult job and were under a lot of pressure. It's easy to criticise and hard to say thank you. The hard work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed. Thank you to Nina Painter for her contribution during her time on the committee. We are looking forward to a shiny 2025-2026 season.

Marianna Kirsten

[District Standing Committee for Women’s Selectors – Annual Report 2025](#)

Paulina Dockendorff (Convenor)

Jaye Mendelsohn
Lynda Nurrish
Nina Painter
Sandy Wehrli
Exec Liaison: Marianna Kirsten

We selected the teams after many trials which, in my opinion, were too many. It was decided this year that the Final Inter District teams would be selected after the “WP vs Boland” games in December. This allowed the players to have an opportunity to play together, get to know each other’s strengths and weaknesses and form compatible teams.

The Open A Team winning the Gold medal was well deserved.

The announcement that Megan was unavailable due to an appendix operation was a shocking beginning to the tournament. Fikile fitted in nicely with the group and was given a last-minute promotion to the A team.

Throughout the week, the squad continuously supported and inspired one another. They had a good encouraging spirit on the green and they behaved nicely both on and off the greens.

The team played awesome bowls during the week and held it together in the Final.

The B side, with all the new caps, did very well with some very promising talent. They came really close to winning a medal, just needing to win their last game to play for gold.

The rainy weather on the last couple of days put the kibosh on our efforts to gain more points, especially as our last game was against log leaders Sables. We were up in both games when play was called and, as a result, finished 3rd in our section.

The Veterans started off very well but sadly they lost their way towards the end of the tournament, finishing 4th in their section.

Whilst our initial squad of players produced sufficiently good material from which our Selectors were able to blend acceptable combinations, it has become apparent that we need to get more youth into our Squad and provide the opportunity for the younger Veterans to prove themselves.

Later this year, the Ladies selectors plan to set up a workshop for the 18- to 35-year-old ladies in the district. This will focus on supporting those who wish to compete on the highest level.

I want to express my gratitude to Jenny Griffiths and Eddie Phillips for their support and assistance when needed.

Working with Jaye Mendelsohn, Lynda Nurrish, Nina Painter, and Sandy Wehrli has been enjoyable, I appreciate your time and work. We are grateful to the different clubs that have kindly let us use their facilities.

Paulina Dockendorff

Convenor

GREENS CARE

Executive Committee Liaison for Greens Care

The Greens Standing Committee have had a very busy year and is one of the committees complimented by the Exco for the work that they have done. All the greens in the district were evaluated during the first 4 months of the year. Greens evaluations were completed for the Veterans Inter Districts and just recently they worked on identifying and evaluating greens for the Open Inter Districts.

This group of gentlemen are always willing and available to assist greenkeepers in maintaining their greens. An additional course for greenkeeper assistants is being prepared and will be presented soon. The website is updated regularly and contains vital information for greens care.

I would like to thank these gentlemen for all their work to identify and ensure greens are of a high standard for WP competitions.

Eddie Douglas

District Standing Committee for Greens Care – Annual Report 2025

Trevor Wheeler (Convenor)

Bill McCarthy

Brian Pearman

Collyn de Wit

Since our last report to the Executive in July 2024, the Greens Care Committee has continued to meet monthly and have produced several Newsletters.

In September 2024 we held a Greenkeepers Level 1 course at WPCC. A total of 23 attendees were present, of whom 14 received the Bowls SA Level 1 certificate and badge. The course was presented by Terry Hepworth and Nic Marais from Bowls SA with the assistance of two members of our Greens Care Committee, Bill McCarthy and Trevor Wheeler.

During preparation for the Level 1 course, it became apparent that there was a need to provide training for our Greens Assistants. We approached Bowls SA for their consent to go ahead with this idea and received approval. We are currently in the process of developing a series of practical sessions, with largely pictorial course material, and will be presenting this to the new WP Executive for ratification.

We have also implemented further changes to our website and are posting both new and updated files. We recently posted 38 editions of "Grass Clipping", written by Dr Charles Louw, and have added a paper on Artificial Banks.

During our annual inspections and evaluations, we made the discovery that the levels spreadsheet program produced incorrect results in certain circumstances. This was reported to Bowls SA who, after some hesitation, agreed to effect changes to the program. In the meantime, we are monitoring any anomalies. We are awaiting a decision from Bowls SA on whether to follow the World Bowls level criteria or remain using the existing Bowls SA ones.

We have also referred the issue of rink marker size to the Bowls SA Technical Committee, to decide whether we can accept rink markers up to 40 mm wide, rather than the present maximum width of 25mm.

Bowls SA has continued its tough stance on Clubs who do not have up to date levels, with a zero score being given if valid levels are not produced. It has become apparent during this year's round of evaluations that several Clubs have found the taking of levels too time consuming or too difficult to do when using a dumpy. To assist with this, we made a recommendation to the WP Executive to buy a laser level and this was approved. This will make reading levels far simpler and less time consuming to do. We will be letting Clubs know the details shortly.

We are pleased to report that there has been an uptick of bookings for our Merado, and wish to extend our thanks to Gray Collier, for maintaining and storing the machine.

During the year we carried out all the required Bowls SA inspections at the Clubs chosen as venues for the ID Veterans event, which took place in March 2025.

We have started the process of identifying venues for the ID Open 2026 event in March 2026. Once the venues have been confirmed, Bowls SA will lead the process of making further inspections in conjunction with our Greens Care Committee.

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 two written complaints regarding venues hosting competitions, and in each case visited the Club concerned.

I am sad to report that Collyn deWitt has recently resigned from the Committee due to ill health. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his long and dedicated service.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to Bill McCarthy, Collyn de Witt, Vernon Dryden, Nic Marais and Brian Pearman 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 make a special thank you to Terry Hepworth, for his continued support and advice as our BSA representative, and to Eddie Douglas our WP Executive representative for his help and advice.

Trevor Wheeler

Convenor

COACHES

Executive Committee Liaison

The coaching committee was hard at work in assisting players and setting up courses. The Academy plans are falling into place and shortly we will have a well-oiled academy that will be looking after all our players. We will be assisting players from the entry level (Z squad) right through to the Provincial players (Blue squad). With all the assistance we are hoping to see more WP names in our BSA Green and eventually Gold squads.

Mark Gibbs and Marianna Kirsten

District Standing Committee for Coaches – Annual Report 2025

Eddie Phillips (Convenor)

Chris Nurrish

Hennie Venter

Jenny Griffiths

Jenny Phillips

Lynda Nurrish

Exec Liaison: Mark Gibbs & Marianna Kirsten

The best way to describe the past year was one of transition and the development of clear guidelines for the High-Potential framework initially discussed. As a DSCC, we transitioned with Jenny Griffiths, who became the National SCC Convener as well.

A major impact on the capacity of the DSCC was the illnesses of both Chris Nurrish and Jenny Griffiths and we continue to keep them in our prayers.

Courses

As per our 2024 report, coaching courses were delayed due to calendar challenges, but both the Level 1 & 2 courses were concluded, as well as the refresher course to ensure compliance. Early planning ensured that we had dates for 2025 season. The uptake for the Level 2 course was low (2 candidates) as new requirements are expected. These new requirements include a safeguarding certificate, a set number of active coaching hours per level and marker/umpire qualifications. The planned Level 1 course has sufficient candidates, including an international participant from Nairobi, Kenya. It will run as planned on 26-27 July 2025 at Helderberg BC.

The refresher course conducted in March 2025 was well attended by several candidates who were at risk of losing their accreditation. Feedback was positive and hopefully more coaches are invigorated to assist new bowlers at all the clubs.

Both Jenny Griffiths and Eddie Phillips attended external courses regarding Sport Psychology and High-Performance Coaching with the EQUIP group. These elements will be integrated into coaching sessions as per the Academy Framework.

High-Performance:

The initial High-Performance initiative was the focus of a working group discussion, with a resulting decision to establish a WPB Academy residing with the DSCC. A conscious effort to research the requirements for an Academy were concluded with various sources and institutions asked for input. Very little feedback was received other than having a talent identification processes and higher levels of performance criteria.

The intent is to create a clear pathway from new bowlers to green squad candidates within the district. This will align and coordinate all the current efforts (Junior Squad, Z-Squads and High-Potential squads) with additional focus areas to build optimal performances for players and teams selected. The latest draft of the WPB Academy Framework is attached.

A challenging part of this framework is the need to set qualification criteria for the various levels of development that overlapped with the current Selection Policy. This challenge led to the review process of the selection process. A working group was established to review the current selection criteria and processes. The findings were presented to and approved by the Executive on 25 July 2025. These criteria will now be integrated into the various developmental levels in the Academy Framework.

At the core of the Academy Framework is the critical role of coaching at club level, and the support coaches will receive from the club management and the players.

The above meeting also concluded that the selection committees will integrate coaches into the processes with the players invited to trials. Various sessions were facilitated with positive feedback from players and selectors. These activities could be formalised and instituted in 2026 ID preparations again.

Planning 2025-2026:

The following areas will be the focus of the DSCC for the coming year.

- Provide support to club coaches on a regular basis, including quarterly workshops in the basin, north and south.
- Continue with supporting the Selectors in trials processes and activities.
- Complete the Academy Framework with the various criteria.
- Development of the scoring App (Fairtree Club Master) to ensure all assessments are captured and reported.
- Set and facilitate annual coaching courses.

We offer our eternal gratitude to all the efforts and contributions of Chris Nurrish who resigned from the DSCC due to his deteriorating condition. His selflessness and gazillion hours of work behind the scenes will never be forgotten.

A big thank you to Jenny Griffiths for her determination to develop and increase participation of the youth, and the countless hours next to the greens with words of wisdom and coaching. A full recovery is in our prayers for her.

Thank you to all the other coaches involved in meetings and courses; Lynda Nurrish, Hugo and Petronella Mocke, Ian Rothbart, Jenny Phillips, Hennie Venter and Christo Vermooten.

A very big thank you to all club coaches that are working tirelessly to get all new bowlers into this game we all love. Keep going!

Eddie Phillips

Convenor

Executive Committee Liaison for Youth Bowls

It was an awesome experience to be part of the Junior SC. The positive vibes, the fun and the camaraderie between parents, players and management is what bowls is about. The Junior Masters finals was an epic closure to a great year. The future looks bright with all these youngsters around.

Marianna Kirsten

District Standing Committee for Youth Bowls – Annual Report 2025

Jenny Griffiths (Convenor)

Christo Vermooten

Eddie Phillips

Marianna Kirsten

Exec Liaison: Marianna Kirsten

This has been an exciting and busy year for junior bowls. Our regular monthly practice at Pinelands on the second Saturday of each month continues and we have had new juniors joining this group over the year – mainly from Strand High School where Aloma Smith is doing a sterling job of recruiting the learners.

We compete with school sport on a Saturday morning and so our numbers fluctuate but we encourage the juniors to come when they can, and we support them in their other sports. Our ages range from 5 years old to our older group, some of whom are now in the under 25 age group but have no other “home” other than their club. The juniors who come through the school system often find it difficult to feel at home in their club once they leave school. This is because they are not well integrated in their clubs as learners. It is obviously easier for our juniors whose parents also play bowls.

A huge thank you to Aloma Smith and Leonie Taljaard who work weekly with the juniors at their respective clubs. Thanks to Taz Bright who works with the Eros School children and Chunky at Plumstead working with the children from the deaf school.

Junior tournaments

1. The Junior (under 18) Masters was played at Kraaifontein Bowling Club on the 22nd and 23rd June 2024. The competition was of a high standard, and we can see a huge improvement in the performance of our juniors. The final was played between Ryan Truter (Goodwood) and Divan Joubert (Goodwood) with Divan taking the title for the first time this year. The bronze playoff (traditionally played for bragging rights) was between William Neethling and Werner Langenhoven with William taking that game.
2. Western Cape Junior tournament (Envar Buys) was held in George from the 28th - 29th September. This is a development tournament and so we took 25 junior players in 6 teams. We all travelled down by bus and stayed at a local school hostel. The competition is played in two age groups – under 18 and under 15 and we had 3 teams in each age group. For many of the young players this was their first exposure to competitive play and all-day play. It is so rewarding to watch the youngsters over the two days as they improve after each game and get so excited by the competitive part of the game. While all our teams did us proud, we were delighted with our Under 15A team of Thando Mraji, Jordané Castle, Hannah Havenga and Divan Laubscher who brought home the gold medal in their age group.
3. The Junior Nationals was once again held in Bloemfontein at the end of March 2025 (29th March – 1st April). We sent 2 x Under 15, 3 x Under 18 and 1 x Under 25 teams to the tournament and all our teams had reasonable success. We are very proud of our Under 15A team of Thando Mraji, Wilmien Smuts, Matthys van Tonder and Divan Laubscher who won the gold medal in the Under 15 age category. This

year we had a problem with the bus (too tight a squeeze for such a long journey) and so we need to make sure this is sorted by December or early January at the latest. The accommodation was in a school hostel and very reasonably priced with meals included. We will certainly try them again next year.

Our juniors keep going from strength to strength – it is wonderful to see many of them achieve in different WP competitions and how many of them are encouraged by their clubs and included in club teams for more than just Flag or Muter. These players are your future, use the opportunity to grow them as players and expose them to top level competition – you will be surprised at how they flourish.

Thank you to all who have assisted with the juniors this year – all the managers of teams, the parents who have helped with many things including fundraising. Together we make up the team working towards helping our juniors be the best they can be!

Jenny Griffiths
Convenor

DISABILITY BOWLS

Executive Committee Liaison for Disability Bowls

This committee does not say a lot, they show us on the green what they can do. Their National Championship results are proof of their fantastic capabilities. We are very proud of their achievements.

Marianna Kirsten

District Standing Committee for Disability Bowls – Annual Report 2025

Eddie van der Heiden (Convenor)

Graham Ward

Princess Schroeder

Taz Bright

Exec Liaison: Marianna Kirsten

There are 54 WP disabled Bowlers registered on the Bowls South Africa (BSA) database, as follows:

- 15 Visually impaired,
- 15 Directors (not all on data base).
- 14 Physically disabled,
- and another 18 who still to be classified, some of which are registered to Wheatfield and Kraaifontein (Corporate), who have not informed me of their inclusion.

The Visually Impaired have been running courses to train Directors as there cannot be a Visually Impaired bowler without a Director. Two courses have already been completed, and a third is to be held in the Eden district in September. These courses have been funded by Bowls SA with Lotto funds.

We also have two qualified classifiers who can classify physically 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 registered with Bowls SA.

Most of the longstanding disabled bowlers played in the Disability Nationals which were held in the JBA district, from 5th to 13th April. WP bowlers who medalled were:

Margie Palmer (Helderberg)
Princess Schroeder with Graham Ward (Mowbray)
Michelle Eshun (Mowbray)

Congratulations to our WP Bowlers who were selected to compete in the upcoming Accumulo “red” squad building, Margie Palmer, Avril Davids, Michell Eshun and Princess Schroeder.

We need to not rest on those who have excelled and ensure that we continue to grow. This includes nurturing some of the up-and-coming bowlers who are not yet classified, and who are involved in the corporate leagues. We also want to introduce new and existing disabled bowlers from those who are already playing in the WP Bowling District.

These bowlers need to be identified by the standing committee and may need classification. We appeal to all clubs that have a physical or visually challenged bowler as a member to let the standing committee know. You can contact the WP Bowls office or get hold of me directly.

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated level 2 coach. They can aid those who come to be disabled to transition to bowls for the disabled. They are also able to assist with support and advice about wheelchairs and other aids. These can enable disabled bowlers to play competitively amongst abled-bodied bowlers.

Eddie van der Heiden
Convenor

BLIND BOWLS

Peninsula Blind Bowlers at Mowbray

Committee: Ms Avril Davids (Deputy Chairperson); Mrs Nita Moir (Treasurer); Ms Princess Schroeder (Secretary); Ms BC De Villiers; Mr Sidney Africa (Additional Members)

Peninsula Blind Bowlers remains one of the largest visually impaired bowls club in the country with 14 Bowlers, two of whom are still being coached. We are proud of our 14 directors who diligently give of their spare time to assist/direct us and still have time to go and bowl at their respective clubs.

In November 2024 Peninsula was invited by Kuils River Bowls Club for a tabs-in afternoon. This was a first and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In March 2025 we attended our annual bowls day at Fish Hoek BC where a few of our blindies scooped up gold, silver, bronze medals and a few cash prizes.

Our 2024 annual bowls day at Helderberg Village was postponed to later this year. The Disability nationals took place in Joburg at Bedfordview BC and Ridge Park BC. Mowbray Peninsula Bowlers ended on a high with every member of the team, including directors, winning a medal.

B1
Gamiet, Cornelius, Cindy got silver, bronze, bronze respectively.

B2
Michelle won silver in both the singles and pairs, with Thomas and Berny winning bronze.

B3

Avril won gold in the singles with Princess winning a silver in the singles and gold in the pairs. Abrahaam won silver in the pairs and Roy got a silver in the singles.

We are also proud of winning the team trophy for the eighth time in thirteen years.

In the new season we are planning to grow our membership by attracting the non-bowling visually challenged to the game of bowls. We will also be inviting the WP bowlers who attended one of the director's courses which were held In March 2024 at Helderberg BC and in March 2025 at Plumstead BC.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 28 June 2025, and we will be close our season to give our directors a break. We will reopen on 4 October 2025.

Thank you to Western Province Bowls for the exposure to our Blindies and for allowing us to showcase our talent amongst the fully sighted bowlers.

Yours in bowls

Princess Schroeder

Secretary of Peninsula Blind Bowlers

WP PLAYERS COMMITTEE

Executive Committee Liaison for Western Province Players

The contribution from the WP Player DSC in drafting the new Selection Guidelines was heartwarming. We are looking forward to a better relationship between players and management and a greater understanding for each other's roles.

Marianna Kirsten

Western Province Bowls Players Representatives

Claire Cowan (Convenor)

Adre Barnard

Megan Ferreira

Nic Rusling

Exec Liaison: Mark Gibbs & Marianna Kirsten

Introduction

This past year has been one of significant challenges and growth for the Western Province (WP) bowls district. As the Players Representatives, we had the privilege of engaging with the WP Players, WP Selectors, and the WP Executive Committee through a period marked by tension, transformation, and learning.

Reflections on the Year

It has been a tumultuous year, with moments of friction between key stakeholders. However, we believe these experiences have offered us valuable lessons. We must continue to learn and grow from these challenges, using them as stepping stones toward a more unified and forward-thinking bowls environment.

Communication and Culture

A recurring theme this year has been the need for open, honest, and respectful dialogue. We must be willing to engage in tough conversations, even when they are uncomfortable. These discussions must take place in mature and transparent environments, free from personal attacks and frustration. Only through constructive engagement can we build trust and drive meaningful change.

Competitions and Council Representation

The annual competition workshop has proven to be a valuable initiative. It reflects our commitment to evolving the game in line with modern competitive standards. However, we must also prioritize stability in our competition structures. Constant change can undermine progress and player development.

If we are to future-proof our sport, we must align our governance with national and international trends, ensuring that decisions are made by those with current and relevant experience.

We would like to make a special mention to Nico Taljaard for his dedication, time and ability to negotiate a tough landscape. He does this with diplomacy, transparency and thought.

Notable Achievements: National and International Stage

Despite the challenges, our bowlers have delivered exceptional performances across national and international competitions.

BSA Masters

- 3 Ladies, 2 Veteran Men, and 1 Junior Male represented WP.
- A special mention goes to Neil Burket and Kevin Smith for an all-WP final, with Kevin emerging victorious in an epic match.

BSA Nationals

- Gold in Pairs: Megan Ferreira and Anneke Scheepers.
- Bronze in Pairs: Claire Cowan and Mo Louw.
- Gold in Fours: Tazz Bright and Colleen Marshal.
- Bronze in Fours: Anneke Scheepers, Claire Cowan, Megan Ferreira, and Mo Louw.
- Bronze in Men's Singles: Dave van der Walt.

BSA Inter Districts

While medal counts slightly decreased from the previous year, team spirit and performance shone brightly.

- WP Open A Ladies: Gold.
- WP Open A Men: Silver.
- WP Men's B Side: Silver (despite not having the opportunity to play for gold in the final)

A memorable moment was having both A teams in the final on the same green.

International Success

Anneke Scheepers had a phenomenal year:

- World Champion of Champions (New Zealand, Nov 2024): Reached Quarterfinals.
- African States: Gold in Singles and Pairs. Awarded Player of the Tournament.
- World Cup Selection (Malaysia, Nov 2025), with a current World Ranking of #9.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, our focus must remain on:

- Fostering unity among players, selectors, and executives.
- Creating transparent and respectful communication channels.
- Building stable and competitive structures that reflect the evolving nature of the game.
- Empowering informed decision-making that supports the future of WP bowls.

Conclusion

We remain committed to representing the interests of our players with integrity and purpose. Let us continue to challenge ourselves, support one another, and work together to build a stronger, more progressive Western Province bowls community.

WP Players Committee

July 2025

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

Competitions Portfolio – Annual Report

Introduction

With the 2024/25 competition completed, I believe that we have had a reasonably successful year.

This year included several changes to the calendar, as well as to competition formats and conditions of play.

One of the most notable was the change to the Flag and Muter calendar which saw the introduction of league matches on Sunday mornings. Although approved by consensus at the 2024 Competitions Workshop held at WPCC, it was the contentious issue for the year leading to much discussion and debate. We saw a major move of players from the Fours Leagues (Flag and Muter) to the WP Trips League, which was only played on Saturday afternoons.

Overall, there was a small net gain of players participating in WP League games.

This issue was again debated at the 2025 COP Workshop and has subsequently been put to clubs to vote on.

We should remain aware though that the majority of WP Bowls members are more focused on social play than striving for national honours. It might well be that the preferences of the more competitive players are not the same as for the social playing members.

A pure democratic response is thus not necessarily the right outcome for competitive play. The Executive will have to consider this in making the final decision on the way forward.

To finalise the inputs to the WPBA Calendar for 2025/26 season, as well as compiling a provisional calendar for the 2026/27 season, a COP and Competitions Stakeholder Workshop was held at Western Province Cricket Club on 19 July 2025. Thank you for all the input received from clubs and individuals before, during and after the workshop.

Listed below are several provisional decisions taken following some discussion. These were by general agreement and no major counter arguments for other solutions. If there are any major objections to these, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss your concerns.

Where consensus was not reached, it was resolved to take these decisions to clubs for a vote by members. These are described in some detail below and the options for the votes listed.

Once the responses are in, the Executive will have to finalize the decisions and then rework the WPBA Calendar according to these decisions.

We aim to get all of these done by no later than the end of August 2025, but this might be subject to confirmation of BSA calendar events.

Congratulations to all the winners of our competitions, especially highlighting the following performances:

- The Inter District performances where the Ladies Open A team won GOLD, the Men's Open A and the Men's B sides won SILVER.
- Kevin Smith's GOLD and Neil Burkett's Silver in the BSA Veterans Masters tournament.
- Anneke Scheepers and Megan Ferreira winning GOLD in the Ladies Pairs at the BSA Ladies Open (Nationals).
- Taz Bright and Colleen Marshall winning GOLD in the Ladies Fours at the BSA Ladies Open (Nationals).
- The Clubs of the Year trophy winners, with Goodwood winning the Men's and Durbanville winning the Ladies' sections.

- Our bowlers for great performances at the BSA Visually Impaired and Physically Disabled Nationals, including B3/4 Ladies Singles Section 5 Gold winner Avril Davids and director Patrick McDuling, B3/4 Mixed Pairs Section 9 Gold winners Princess Schroeder (Graham Ward Director) and Nicholas Dedekind (Freidel Dedekind Director), as well as Men's Pairs Section 23/24/25 Gold winners Grant Tintinger (playing with Lee Van Apeldoorn); and
- The WP under 15A side's GOLD in the BSA Junior Nationals.

Provisional Decisions Taken at the CoP Workshop

1. Due to the pressure on the calendar, we cannot avoid overlapping with ALL BSA activities. In reworking the WPB Calendar for 2025/6 season, we will NOT overlap with Inter Districts, SA Open (Nationals), BSA Masters and some others. If needed to fit in all the WPB activities, we might need to overlap with some BSA activities, possibly including the Green/Gold Squad events, International Tournaments, Junior Masters and National tournaments and some Disabled Bowls events. Where overlaps are required, we will attempt to keep the impact to a minimum affecting the least number of players and participants.
2. Where needed, we may use some public holidays for competitions, especially where these are on a Friday or Monday. Long weekends over Easter and Christmas periods will not be used for competitions.
3. In reworking the calendar, we will attempt to start the season as late as possible to allow time for clubs to run their fund-raising tournaments and for greens renovations.
4. WP Trips League will remain as for 2024/25 with one Section per Division and one game per week played on a Saturday afternoon from 14:00.
5. The structure for Flag will be aligned with that of Muter and Trips League to have only one Section in each Division. It will thus be Premier, First Division, Second Division, Third Division etc. with only one Section per Division.
6. If the majority vote is for two games at a single venue on a Saturday afternoon (Question 1 Option 3), a further adjustment to Flag and Muter will be to increase the number of sides in a Division from 10 sides to 12. If the majority vote is one game per week the number of sides in a Division will remain at 10 sides.
7. The skip playing second will be allowed to stay at the head until the opponent has played their first bowl, then go to the mat to play their first bowl. If the skip stays at the head to wait for the opposing skip to play their first bowl, they need to be conscious of time, especially for games with time limits.
8. The restrictions previously imposed on the movement of players from one side to another in the same club, including between Flag/Muter and Trips league has been withdrawn. Restrictions as used in previous seasons for movement in the last three league games will remain in place.
9. In the last season, we allowed 2 burnt ends per team to replay, thereafter re-spot on the 2-meter mark. This will change to specify that all burnt ends be replayed in all WP competitions (as for all singles matches).
10. There will be no time limits for ALL playoff games. Please note that a new COP will be added to manage deliberate slow play.
11. A COP to be included to deal with deliberate slow play in games with time limits. Where a player, team or side allegedly deliberately delays or slows down the game to gain an advantage, the opponent skip or captain of a side can lodge a complaint to the umpire and/or the Tournament Official. If after having heard the complaint and opponent's response, they would have the mandate to issue a warning and if appropriate, to either allow more time for the match to be completed, or the match be awarded to the opponent of the defaulting party with a one-shot difference. The Tournament Official is to submit the names of defaulting players to WPB Executive for a disciplinary process for deliberate non-sporting behaviour.
12. The fines for withdrawals from or "no shows" at WP Competitions as already in the COPs, will be strictly applied with the start of the new season. Clubs will be invoiced for any of their players or teams withdrawing or not arriving for their games and will be liable to pay these fines without delay. Clubs are to manage their own fine recovery and disciplinary processes. Any player who does not show up for a WP Competition without a valid reason supplied to the WP Competition Secretary in writing, will be banned from participating in that competition for the next season.

13. WP Midweek starting time will revert to 14:00 on the scheduled Wednesdays. There will be no time limits for the WP Midweek games.
14. The WP Champion of Champions tournament will be expanded to include a tournament for the Veterans club champions to play in a WP Veterans Champion of Champions event that will be held on the same dates as the other COC tournaments. Where a player has won both their club's Open and Veterans Singles championships, they will play in the Open COC and no other player will represent their club in the Veterans COC. Where a player has won both their club's Novice and Open Singles championships, they will play in the Open COC and no other player will represent their club in the Novice COC. Where a player has won both their club's Veterans and Novices Singles championship, they will represent their club in the Novices COC and no other player will represent their club in the Veterans COC.
15. In winter months the starting time for the first games of the day will be 10:00 to allow time for green keepers to prepare playing surfaces.
16. The Men's and Ladies' Club of the Year criteria will be updated to include the WP Fives (if run as single gender competitions), as well as all the Champion of Champions tournaments. The criteria will also be detailed and included in the COPs. There will be an overall Club of the Year award which will be determined by adding the points from the Men's and Ladies' Logs together.
17. The District Technical Officials Standing Committee has created a detailed document on the management of coaches at WPB Competitions. Once finalised, this will be included in the COPs for the 2025/26 season.
18. There was good support for a proposal OUTSIDE THE BOX... to create a SUPER LEAGUE tournament with one side per club (base to be the premier clubs) playing a 3 weekend Inter Club (ID style) tournament. Use that as input or trials for ID selection. Clubs will have to declare their teams before the tournament and selectors will select two sides (16 players) from players not included in club teams. This tournament will have to be scheduled for late August/early September to align with selection timelines.

Proposals Put Forward to Clubs for Voting

Flag, Muter and Trips League

It was agreed that the Flag/Muter and Trips Leagues should run at the same time in parallel to each other. In the 2023/24 season, Flag, Muter and Trips League were played as one game on a Saturday afternoon starting at 14:00. In 2024/25, it was decided to play Flag and Muter one game on Saturday afternoon and another on Sunday morning.

Question 1 On which days should Flag and Muter games be played?

Option 1 **One game on a Saturday afternoon starting at 14:00 and another game on the Sunday morning starting at 10:00...** as we did in the 2024/25 season. There will be **10 sides** in a Division.

Argument For

From start to finish, the league season will be shorter. It is possible to finish the season in about five to six weeks. For those who do not want to play on a Sunday, there is an option to play WP Trips League, which only plays on Saturdays.

Argument Against

There are many people who do not want to play on a Sunday, since it is regarded as church and family time. Support for Flag and Muter is split with Trips League taking away many players. It is very difficult for selectors to change a team from Saturday to Sunday if anything goes wrong. Playing one game on a Saturday and one game on a Sunday does not reduce the pressure on the calendar, since the same number of competition days are needed.

Option 2 **One game on a Saturday afternoon** starting at 14:00... as we did in the 2023/4 season. There will be **10 sides** in each division.

Argument For

This is what Flag and Muter used to be, and it worked before. We should not change something that works well. Players with children and grandchildren who have school activities in the mornings can be supported. Players who work on Saturday mornings can play in the afternoon. Sundays are available for family and church time.

Argument Against

The season will be stretched out over a very long period, which means that players need to commit to be available for about 17 to 20 weeks from start to finish. The league season will have many interruptions for BSA events, All Cape etc. This does not release the pressure on the WPBA Calendar, since only one game is played per day.

Option 3 **Two games on a Saturday afternoon.** The first game at 13:00 and the second at 16:00. We will reduce the number of ends from 21 (3 sets of 7) to 18 (3 sets of 6) per game. There will be **12 sides** in each division. All sides for the Division to play at one venue. Sunset in Cape Town on 28 Feb 2026 is 19:26. There will be sufficient light to play two games a day.

Argument For

Playing two games per day will make available these days for other WP Competitions, possibly preventing the need to play on long weekends, into the winter months etc. Better integration and interaction with other players in the same division, since everyone is playing at the same venue. With more sides in a division, more teams are getting the opportunity to play at a higher (Premier) level. WP Selectors have more opportunities to see players with all sides in the division playing at the same venue.

Argument Against

Club selectors do not have an opportunity between games to make changes to their combinations. HOME games will be reduced and clubs who only have one green will not be able to host top teams, since 12 rinks will be needed. They will still be able to host Trips League matches. Not all clubs in the section will host match days for their teams, but games will mostly be played at neutral venues

Number of Bowls per Competition

Question 2 How many bowls should be played for WP Pairs games, excluding WP Mixed Pairs, which will be 3 bowl pairs to align with BSA Mixed Pairs tournament? The number of ends and time limits will be adjusted as needed.

Option 1 **Three (3) Bowl Pairs...** Currently 18 ends in sectional play and 21 in playoffs.

Option 2 **Four (4) Bowl Pairs...** Proposed 15 ends in sectional play and 18 in playoffs. The finals will be 21 ends.

Question 3 How many bowls should be played for WP Trips games, excluding WP Trips League, which will be 3 bowl trips? The number of ends and time limits will be adjusted as needed.

Option 1 **Two (2) Bowl Trips...** In the last season it was 15 ends, but the proposal is to have 18 ends in sectional play and 21 in playoffs.

Option 2 **Three (3) Bowl Trips...** Proposed 15 end in sectional play and 18 in playoffs.

Other Conditions of Play

Question 4 **Should the WP Fives be played as Men and Ladies separate competitions, as any gender combinations or as a mixed gender competition?**

Option 1 **Men and Ladies separate competitions** as it was played in 2024/25.

Argument For

Some ladies have indicated that they feel overpowered by teams that are only men. They would prefer to play with and against other women's teams.

Argument Against

The smaller clubs sometimes do not have enough players to fill both Men's and Women's teams separately but could make up a team if players from both genders could be included.

Option 2 **Any gender combinations** played in one competition to include all men and ladies' players.

Argument For

This option gives all available players an opportunity to play in the Fives. It especially is a good option for the smaller clubs who might not have enough players to make up single gender teams.

Argument Against

The bigger club teams may have very strong teams of top men, who can dominate and scare off some of the ladies' teams.

Option 3 **Mixed gender competition**, including all players in the same competition where every pairs and trips team **MUST** have at least one player of the opposite gender in the team.

Argument For

All teams will have a combination of 3 + 2 men and ladies and therefore should be more balanced and less intimidating to smaller club teams.

Argument Against

Some ladies would prefer to play with and against other women and same for some men who would prefer to play against other male teams.

Option 4 **No Fives Competition to be played.** Scrap the WP Fives from the calendar.

Argument For

The WP Calendar is under a lot of pressure to fit in all the competitions. If we do not play Fives, it will make those days available for other competitions.

Argument Against

We will lose a competition that has been part of the WP Calendar for many years.

There has been an ongoing discussion on the trend that players join multiple clubs as dual members to select which other players they want to play with in WP competitions.

Question 5 Should players be allowed to represent more than one club in the same season?

- Option 1 **Players should be able to join as many clubs as they want to and play for any of these** for any of the WP competitions within the limits of the existing COPs determining that a player can only play league for one club in the season, or cannot play for more than one clubs or teams/sides in the same competition (example they cannot play for Club A in the sectional play for the Fours and then play in the playoffs for another team or club).
- Option 2 **Players should be able to join as many clubs as they want to but can only play league for one club and up to a maximum of two clubs in any other WP Competitions in the season** within the restrictions of not playing for more than one team or side in the same competition in the same season as described above.
- Option 3 **Players should be able to join as many clubs as they want to but can only play for one of their affiliated clubs for League and one of their affiliated clubs in any other WP Competitions in the season** (it does not need to be the same club for League and WP Competitions). This must be within the restrictions of not playing for more than one team or side in the same competition in the same season as described above.

A special thank you to Paulina Dockendorf for all her dedication, effort and contributions running the WPBA Competitions very efficiently and accurately. Paulina, you are a star!

Nico Taljaard

Executive

Competitions Portfolio

Entries Received

MEN		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Flag	Sides	71/11	72/7	69/7	105	99	-	84	82	83	70
Fours	Teams	63	62	67	73	-	-	68	80	84	84
Triples	Teams	96	96	-	109	-	113	112	125	116	118
Pairs	Teams	175	152	-	168	-	180	188	198	184	183
Singles Open	Players	138	124	-	125	136	122	125	134	142	147
Veterans	Players	88	84	-	90	78	90	78	99	108	96
Novices	Players	95	83	91	80	91	84	86	83	83	111
Champ of Champ	Players	30	25	27	30	-	28	31	27	27	26
Novice CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	21	24	22
Fives	Teams	38	45	45	63	61	71	-	-	-	55
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	2024-25
Muter	Sides	48/14	47/8	47/3	46	39	-	35	36	40	35
Fours	Teams	37	33	36	33	-	-	39	45	52	50
Triples	Teams	64	48	-	50	-	59	51	57	57	80
Pairs	Teams	72	68	-	71	-	84	95	85	85	96
Singles Open	Players	50	51	-	49	54	55	58	63	59	71
Veterans	Players	38	37	-	34	44	42	34	44	44	44
Novices	Players	41	27	47	46	53	39	41	41	61	63
Champ of Champ	Players	28	25	23	25	-	28	24	28	27	27
Novice CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	17	19	20
Sully	Teams	54	50	45	42	30	-	-	-	-	-
Fives	Teams	37	41	32	36	40	40	-	-	-	32
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	2024-25
Mixed Pairs	Teams	175	158	184	176	184	184	204	227	227	224
Trips League	Teams	14	12	17	20	23	-	26	30	29	54
Midweek	Teams	-	-	-	-	66	73	61	56	53	48
Fives	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	100	95	-
Power Trips	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	84	64	52	-	-
PRO-10	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	39	-	104

Competition Results

Flag

Premier	Winners	Edgemead
	Runners-Up	Goodwood
Division 1	Winners	Mowbray
	Runners-Up	Plumstead
Division 2	Winners	Old Oak
	Runners-Up	Kuils River
Division 3	Winners	Goodwood
	Runners-Up	Durbanville

Muter

Premier	Winners	Goodwood
	Runners-Up	Mowbray
Division 1	Winners	WPCC
	Runners-Up	Durbanville
Division 2	Winners	Gordons Bay
	Runners-Up	Bellville
Division 3	Winners	Edgemead
	Runners-Up	Oakdale

Trips League

Division 1	Winners	Bergvliet
	Runners-Up	Parow
Division 2	Winners	Stellenbosch
	Runners-Up	Bergvliet
Division 3	Winners	Durbanville
	Runners-Up	Meadowridge
Division 4	Winners	Helderberg
	Runners-Up	Sunningdale
Division 5	Winners	Mowbray
	Runners-Up	Glen CC
Division 6	Winners	Helderberg
	Runners-Up	WPCC

Midweek

Winners	Johnny de Sousa Mac Mukuddem	Les Bradley Roy Ward	Kobus du Toit	Goodwood
Runners-Up	Peter Harvey Clark Ellis	Bevan Capes	Ian Rohtbart	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	Darryl Thorburn John Paynter	Carl Marshall Colleen Marshall	Barry Redman	Mowbray
	Trevor Cowley Louis Matthys	Robert Davey	Danny Munro	Edgemead

Fours

Men

Winners	Armand Ascaray Patrick Cairns	Raysford Cruywagen	Charl du Plooy	Edgemead
Runners-Up	Doug Wyatt Ernst Venter	Gary Roach Hannes Venter	Piet van Zyl	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Peter Harvey Luke Ellis	Steve Vaughan	Daniel Vaughan	Constantia
	Stephen Smith John Blight	Louis Reichert Kobus Hougaard	Richard Truter	Oakdale

Women

Winners	Elma Louw Colleen Bryant	Wendy Adams Claire Cowan	Jenny Wade	Mowbray
Runners-Up	Natalie Kronk Melanie Spammer	Liz Cape	Yvonne James	Plumstead
Semi-Finalists	Heather Cawood Robyn Quibell	Berdine Smith	Sueret Paynter	Constantia
	Karen van Noort Anneen Steyn	Lou Engelbrecht	Tanya Allan	Durbanville

Fives

Men

Winners	Les Bradley	Willian Neethling	Stephen Neethling	Goodwood
	Johnny de Sousa	Vigo Alves		
Runners-Up	Ferdi Alves	Ryan Truter	Jeff Murray	Edgemead
	Nic Rusling	Tory Sabatti	Lionel Verwey	
Semi-Finalists	Nico Taljaard	Nicolaas Byrne	Jan Rall	Somerset West
	Stefan Koen	Beyers Herbst	Richard Schaefer	
	Tony van der Poel	Joos Taljaard	Dean Keyser	Edgemead
	Armand Ascaray	Raysford Cruywagen		

Women

Winners	Barbara Taylor	Dawn Blignaut	Sylvia Burns	Mowbray
	Claire Cowan	Elma Louw		
Runners-Up	Rita Himschoot	Dianne Bennett	Audrey Marais	WPCC
	Cheryl Saunders	Linda Stringer		
Semi-Finalists	Megan Ferreira	Angela Woolf	Janita Huisamen	Goodwood
	Anneke Scheepers	Ananda Kotze		
	Thea Blatt	Connie Breytenbach	Leonie Taljaard	Somerset West
	Nina Painter	Marion Wasdell		

Mixed Pairs

Winners	Kevin Smith	Debbie Phillips	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Claire Cowan	Warren Hewitt	Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	Jonny de Sousa	Cheryl Bradley	Goodwood
	Christo Snyman	Kim Snyman	Old Oak

Kevin Smith and Debbie Phillips will be representing WP Bowls at the BSA Mixed Pairs Championships in Polokwane, Limpopo from 21 to 24 August 2025.

Pairs

Men

Winners	Mitch Voigts	Kevin Smith	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Herman Huisamen	Ian Hampshire	Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	Corné Naude	Trevor Macaskill	Durbanville
	Armand Ascaray	Raysford Cruywagen	Edgemead

Ladies

Winners	Lydia Maritz	Noeleen Hogan	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Taryn Bright	Colleen Marshall	Gordon's Bay
Semi-Finalists	Marié Knoetze	Delene de Villiers	Old Oak
	Rita Himschoot	Audrey Marais	WPCC

Pro-10 Pairs

Winners	Nic Rusling	Ryan Truter	Edgemead
Runners-Up	Carl de Klerk	Dawn Blignaut	Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	Eddie Phillips	Jaco van Tonder	Durbanville
	Jacques du Preez	Miles Norman Adriaan van Wyk	Somerset West

Trips

Men

Winners	Johnny de Sousa	David van der Walt	Kobus du Toit	Goodwood
Runners-Up	Andries Hougaard	Connie Pieterse	Riaan Conradie	Pollsmoor
Semi-Finalists	Mitch Voigts	Morné Scheepers	Kevin Smith Bräsler van Schoor	Durbanville
	Adriaan Nel	PHC Willemse	Christiaan Herselman	Old Oak

Ladies

Winners	Maggie van Zyl	Brittany Clarke	Debbie Phillips	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Gillian Young	Anneke Buys	Marlize Pentz	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Flo George	Antoinette Sawyer	Alana Vaughan	Constantia
	Barbara Taylor	Dawn Blignaut	Sylvia Burns	Mowbray

Singles

OPEN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Stephan Kotze Goodwood	Elma Louw Mowbray
Runners-Up	Herman Huisamen Goodwood	Anneke Scheepers Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	Francois Klopper Durbanville	Debbie Phillips Durbanville
	Helio Andrade Oakdale	Maggie van Zyl Durbanville

VETERAN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Etienne Malherbe Durbanville	Lydia Maritz Durbanville
Runners-Up	Danie Tredoux Old Oak	Linda Kronstrom Bellville
Semi-Finalists	Charl du Plooy Edgemoed	Princess Schroeder Mowbray
	Jeffrey Petersen Malmesbury	Karen Redman Constantia

NOVICE	Men	Ladies
Winners	Ruan Stone Sunningdale	Christiena Britz Old Oak
Runners-Up	Evan Wannerton Mowbray	Lynda Sjoberg WPCC
Semi-Finalists	Zane Roworth Edgemoed	Colleen Meyer Somerset West
	Craig September Kuils River	Anneen Steyn Durbanville

Masters 2023 – 2024

In 2024, ongoing inclement weather led to the Masters tournaments only being held after the AGM and too late to be included in the 2023-2024 Annual report.

OPEN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Nic Rusling WPCC	Anneke Scheepers Goodwood
Runners-Up	Herman Huisamen Goodwood	Claire Cowan Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	Mitch Voigts Durbanville	Sylvia Burns Mowbray
	Kevin Douglas Durbanville	Elma Louw Mowbray

VETERAN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Kevin Smith Durbanville	Lydia Maritz Durbanville
Runners-Up	Etienne Malherbe Durbanville	Barbara Taylor Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	Frikkie Pretorius Bellville	Darryl Edwards Constantia
	Jacko van Graan Meadowridge	Linda Clark Constantia

INVITATION	Men		Ladies	
Winners	Helio Andrade	Oakdale	Karen van Noort	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Ferdi Alves	Goodwood	Otilia Fernandes-Du Rand	Edgemead
Semi-Finalists	André Robbertse	Glen	Angie de Wet	Durbanville
	Daniel Vaughan	Constantia	Brittany Clarke	Durbanville

Masters 2024 - 2025

OPEN	Men		Ladies	
Winners	Herman Huisamen	Goodwood	Sylvia Burns	Mowbray
Runners-Up	Adré Barnard	Durbanville	Maggie van Zyl	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Wilfred Hoyose	Glen CC	Anneke Scheepers	Goodwood
	Armand Ascaray	Edgemead	Elma Louw	Mowbray

VETERAN	Men		Ladies	
Winners	Peter Harvey	Constantia	Colleen Bryant	Mowbray
Runners-Up	Carl Marshall	Constantia	Anthea Ritchie	Edgemead
Semi-Finalists	Wally Brown	Old Oak	Linda Kronstrom	Bellville
	Kevin Campbell	Glen CC	Lydia Maritz	Durbanville

INVITATION	Men		Ladies	
Winners	Miles Norman	Somerset West	Anneen Steyn	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Gareth Nell	Durbanville	Joanne Fagan	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Ruan Stone	Sunningdale	Donna McConnell	Edgemead
	Louis Botha	Old Oak	Angie de Wet	Durbanville

Junior Masters

Under 35

Gold	Armand Ascaray	Edgemead
Silver	Ruan Stone	Sunningdale
Bronze	Daniel Griebenaauw	Malmesbury
	Ryan Truter	Edgemead

Under 18

Gold	Thando Mraji	Bellville
Silver	Vigo Alves	Goodwood
Bronze	William Neethling	Goodwood
	Jordané Castle	Goodwood

Champion Of Champions

	Men	Ladies
Winners	Armand Ascaray Edgemead	Anneke Scheepers Goodwood
Runners-Up	Dion Johnson Pinelands	Jaye Mendelsohn Glen
Semi-Finalists	Mervyn Wright Plumstead	Taryn Bright Gordon's Bay
	Bräster van Schoor Durbanville	Nadine Ascaray Edgemead

Novice Champion Of Champions

	Men	Ladies
Winners	Miles Norman Somerset West	Annie Klopers Stellenbosch
Runners-Up	Tony van der Spuy Mowbray	Jordané Castle Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	Wikus van Niekerk Glen	Lorinda Theron Old Oak
	Hannes Venter Durbanville	Shahn van Huyssteen Gordon's Bay

Ladies Executive Trophy

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 39.

Winners	Durbanville	49 points
Runners-Up	Mowbray	32 points
Third	Goodwood	28 points

John Edwards Men's Trophy

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 38.

Winners	Goodwood	48 points
Runners-up	Durbanville	40 points
Third	Edgemead	36.5 points

Men's Log for John Edwards Trophy 2024 - 2025

	Flag				Championships					Singles					Total
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Fives	Fours	Triples	Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Veterans	Open	Novices	Ch of Ch	Ch of Ch Nov	
	12	12	12	12	14	20	20	20	10	20	20	20	16	16	
Bellville								1							1
Bergvliet												1			1
Constantia						2			0.5	2		1			5.5
Durbanville				4		4	3	10	4	3	8		2	2	40
Edgemead	8				6	8		2	0.5		2	2	8		36.5
Fish Hoek															-
Fresnaye															-
Glen CC							1							2	3
Goodwood	4			8	6	2	9	4	1	13	1				48
Gordon's Bay															-
Helderberg															-
Kelvin Grove															-
Kraaifontein															-
Kuils River			4									2			6
Malmesbury											2				2
Meadowridge								1							1
Milnerton							1								1
Mowbray		8							2		1	4		4	19
Oakdale						2				2					4
Old Oak			8			1	2	1	1		4				17
Parow															-
Pinelands													4		4
Plumstead		4											2		6
Pollsmoor						1	4								5
Somerset W					2				0.5		2	1		8	13.5
Stellenbosch															-
Strand															-
Sunningdale								1				9			10
Wheatfield															-
WPCC									0.5						0.5

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)
Mixed Pairs	Total of 10 points	(4 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 0.5 - 0.5 - 0.5 - 0.5)
Fives	Total of 14 points	(6 - 4 - 2 - 2)

Ladies Log for Executive Trophy 2024 - 2025

	Muter				Championships					Singles					Total
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Fives	Fours	Triples	Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Veterans	Open	Novices	Ch of Ch	Ch of Ch Nov	
	12	12	12	12	14	20	20	20	10	16	16	16	16	16	
Bellville			4								4				8
Bergvliet							1					1			2
Constantia						2	2	1	0.5		2	1			8.5
Durbanville		4				2	13	8	4	7	8	3			49
Edgemead				8					0.5			1	2		11.5
Fish Hoek															-
Fresnaye															-
Glen CC													4		4
Goodwood	8				2			1	1	4			8	4	28
Gordon's Bay			8					4					2	2	16
Helderberg							1								1
Kelvin Grove															-
Kraaifontein															-
Kuils River															-
Malmesbury															-
Meadowridge															-
Milnerton															-
Mowbray	4				6	8	2		2	8	2				32
Oakdale				4											4
Old Oak								2	1	1		8		2	14
Parow															-
Pinelands															-
Plumstead						4	1	1							6
Pollsmoor															-
Somerset West					2			1	0.5			2			5.5
Stellenbosch														8	8
Strand															-
Sunningdale															-
Wheatfield															-
WPCC		8			4			2	0.5			4			18.5

Muter

Championships (less than 60 entries)

Championships (more than 60 entries)

Mixed Pairs

Fives

Total of 12 points per Division

Total of 16 points

Total of 20 points

Total of 10 points

Total of 14 points

(Winners = 8 and Runners-Up = 4)

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(6 - 4 - 2 - 2)

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

2025 World Cup

This tournament will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 4 to 8 November 2025.

Anneke Scheepers (Goodwood) has been selected for the **Ladies** team.

Margie Palmer (B8) (Helderberg) has been selected for the **Physically Disabled** team.

NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

Bowls South Africa - Masters Singles Championships

The tournament was hosted by Gauteng North at Wingate Park in Pretoria from 7 to 9 February 2025.

The following players from Western Province were selected to participate.

Veteran Masters Men

Gold	Kevin Smith	Durbanville
Silver	Neil Burkett	Mowbray

Under 30 Masters Women

Bronze	Gillian Young	Durbanville - Country Member
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Under 30 Masters Men

Bronze	Cabous Olivier	Durbanville
	Armand Ascaray	Edgemoor

Open Masters Women

Maggie van Zyl	Durbanville
Elma Louw	Mowbray
Anneke Scheepers	Goodwood

Bowls South Africa - Mixed Pairs Championships

The tournament will be hosted by Polokwane, Limpopo from the 21 to 24 August 2025.

Western Province Bowls will be represented by **Kevin Smith** and **Debbie Phillips** (Durbanville).

Bowls South Africa - Junior National Championships

The tournament was hosted by Southern Free State in Bloemfontein from 29 March to 1 April 2025.

Under 15

Gold	WP A	Thando Mraji	Bellville
		Wilmien Smuts	Strand
		Matthys van Tonder	Durbanville
		Divan Laubscher	Kraaifontein

Bowls South Africa - Men's Open Championships 2025

The tournament was hosted by Gqeberha from 17 to 25 May 2025.

Open Singles

Bronze	David van der Walt	Mowbray
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Fours

Quarter Final	Wade Pretorius, Clark Ellis, Luke Ellis, Greg Eekhout
Last 16	Warren Povey, Dean Ferreira, Wikus van Niekerk, Gerhardt van Niekerk
Last 16	Ferdi Alves, Gareth Stewart, Chris Jansche van Rensburg, Mac Mukuddem

Pairs

Last 16	Brett van Eyssen and Carl Marshall
Last 16	Johnny de Sousa and David van der Walt
Last 16	Neil Burkett and Warren Hewitt

Bowls South Africa - Women's Open Championships 2025

The tournament was hosted by Ekurhuleni from 3 to 11 May 2025.

Open Singles

Bronze	Sandy Carr	Edgemead - Country Member
Quarter Final	Anneke Scheepers	Goodwood
Last 16	Maggie van Zyl	Durbanville
Last 16	Taryn Bright	Gordon's Bay

Veteran Singles

Quarter Final	Lesley Smyth	Durbanville – Country Member
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Fours

Gold	Taryn Bright (Gordon's Bay) & Colleen Marshall (Constantia)
Bronze	Anneke Scheepers (Goodwood), Claire Cowan (Mowbray), Megan Ferreira (Goodwood) & Elma Louw (Mowbray)

Pairs

Gold	Anneke Scheepers & Megan Ferreira	Goodwood
Bronze	Claire Cowan & Elma Louw	Mowbray
Last 16	Jaye Mendelsohn & Estelle Ferreira	Glen CC

Bowls South Africa - Bowls for the Disabled National Championships

The tournament was hosted by Johannesburg Bowling Association from 5 to 13 April 2025.

Visually Impaired – B1

Men's Singles	Bronze	Gamiet Fortune & Lappies Labuschagne
Mixed Pairs	Bronze	Gamiet Fortune & Lappies Labuschagne with Corrie Brits & Brian Howell

Visually Impaired – B2

Women's Singles	Silver	Michelle Eshun & Victor Trew
Mixed Pairs	Bronze	Thomas George & Nicky De Villiers with Cindy Jacobs & Sidney Africa

Visually Impaired – B3/B4

Women's Singles	Gold Silver	Avril Davids & Patrick McDuling Princess Schroeder & Graham Ward
Mixed Pairs	Gold	Princess Schroeder & Graham Ward with Nicholas Dedekind & Freidel
Dedekind	Silver	Abraham Crouse & Cynthia McDuling with May Homer & Sandra Madson
Men's Singles	Bronze	Roy Peters & Charmaine Bull

Ladies Section - 21

Ladies Singles	Silver	Margie Palmer
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Men's Section - 23/24/25

Men's Pairs	Gold	Grant Tintinger and Lee Van Apeldoorn
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Bowls South Africa – Inter District Representation

Open A Inter-Districts

Hosted by the Johannesburg Bowling Association from 10 to 14 March 2025.

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

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

Men	SILVER MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Schalk Kotze	
Skip	Herman Huisamen	Goodwood	Cabous Olivier	Durbanville
Third	Kevin Douglas	Durbanville	Armand Ascaray	Edgemead
Second	Nic Rusling	Edgemead	Adré Barnard	Durbanville
Lead	David van der Walt	Mowbray	Wilfred Hoyose	Glen

Women	GOLD MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Paulina Dockendorff	
Skip	Anneke Snyman	Goodwood	Maggie van Zyl	Durbanville
Third	Claire Cowan	Mowbray	Elma Louw	Mowbray
Second	Fikile Vilakazi-Alberts	Goodwood	Lydia Maritz	Durbanville
Lead	Ananda Kotze	Goodwood	Sylvia Burns	Mowbray

Veteran Inter-Districts

Hosted by the Western Province Bowls Association from 10 to 14 March 2025.

Men			Manager – Mark Gibbs	
Skip	Tony van der Poel	Edgemead	Peter Harvey	Constantia
Third	Etienne Malherbe	Durbanville	Kevin Smith	Durbanville
Second	Wally Brown	Old Oak	David Aherne	Durbanville
Lead	Gary Nash	WPCC	Raysford Cruywagen	Edgemead

Women			Manager – Lynda Nurrish	
Skip	Thea Blatt	Somerset West	Cheryl Saunders	WPCC
Third	Barbara Taylor	Mowbray	Darryl Edwards	Constantia
Second	Linda Clark	Constantia	Carol Nash	WPCC
Lead	Colleen Bryant	WPCC	Marion Wasdell	Somerset West

Open B Inter-Districts

Hosted by the Border Bowling Association from 10 to 14 March 2025.

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

Men	SILVER MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Nico Ferreira	
Skip	Johnny de Sousa	Goodwood	Stefan Koen	Somerset West
Third	Nicky Crawford	Old Oak	Andries Hougaard	Pollsmoor
Second	Ferdi Alves	Goodwood	Junaid Alcock	Glen
Lead	Helio Andrade	Oakdale	Zandré Herselman	Goodwood

Women			Manager – Lynda Nurrish	
Skip	Marianna Kirsten	Plumstead	Jenny Wade	Mowbray
Third	Ronel Petersen	Constantia	Brittany Clarke	Durbanville
Second	Anneke Buys	Durbanville	Karen van Noort	Durbanville
Lead	Ineke Spangenberg	Helderberg	Debbie Phillips	Durbanville

Bowls South Africa - 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 Bowls SA camps this year.

Gold Squad (Women) – 25 to 29 June 2025

Anneke Snyman Goodwood

Green Squad (Women)

Claire Cowan Mowbray
Fikile Vilakazi-Alberts Goodwood

Green Squad (Men)

Armand Ascaray Edgemoor

Accumulo/Bowls SA PD/VI Squad Training Camps

The first Accumulo/Bowls SA PD/VI Squad Camp is scheduled to take place at Bedfordview BC over the period 14 to 16 August 2025

Physically Disabled (Women)

Margie Palmer (B8) Helderberg

Visually Impaired (Women)

Avril Davids (B3)	Mowbray	- Director: Patrick McDuling	Helderberg
Michelle Eshun (B2)	Mowbray	- Director: Victor Trew	Durbanville
Princess Schroeder (B3)	Mowbray	- Director: Graham Ward	Mowbray

PERSONAL TRUST ALL CAPE TOURNAMENT

Women

The Women’s tournament was hosted by Border in East London from 18 to 24 May 2025.

Cup	Silver	Kim Kiely, Maria Orsmond, Cecilia Gordon, Noeleen Hogan	Durbanville
	Bronze	Jaye Mendelsohn, Estelle Ferreira, Marie Knoetze, Brenda Joubert	Glen CC
Plate	Silver	Sandy Carr, Anthea Ritchie, Donna McConnell, Janet Bradbury	Edgemead

Men

The Men’s tournament was hosted by Border in East London from 4 to 10 May 2025.

Cup	Gold	Stefan Koen, Nico Taljaard, Beyers Herbst, Miles Norman	Somerset West
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