



Western Province Bowls Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Agenda
Annual Report 2025 - 2026

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLING ASSOCIATION
(Founded December 1906)

PRESIDENT
Tony Harland

VICE-PRESIDENT
Vacant

TREASURER
Joy Calvert

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Anina Black, Eddie Douglas, Jonathan Cochrane, Mark Gibbs, Nico Taljaard

ADMINISTRATION
Debbie Phillips (District Administrator)
Paulina Dockendorff (Competition Secretary)

AUDITORS
Zaccheus Accountants Inc.

Honorary Life Members

Mr Ian Travers-Phillips, Mr Sergio Martinengo, Mrs Riva Myers, Ms Doreen de Power, Mr Graeme Kemp, Mr Neil Burkett, Mr Alan Lofthouse, Mr Kevin Campbell, Mrs Trish Young, Ms Sylvia Burns

Standing Committees and Ancillary Representatives

Finance	Joy Calvert	Competitions	Nico Taljaard
Coaches	Eddie Phillips	Youth Bowls	Jenny Griffiths
Disabled Bowlers	Eddie van der Heiden	WP Players	Claire Cowan
Greens Care	Trevor Wheeler	Media & Marketing	Anina Black
Ladies' Selection	Paulina Dockendorff	Men's Selection	Schalk Kotze
Technical Officials	Jenny Phillips	Blind Bowlers (Peninsula)	Graham Ward
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 Faurey	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
Mr A Harland	Durbanville	2025-			

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	Camps Bay	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			

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

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

Council Delegates – Meeting July 2026

1	Bellville	B Eksteen, M Nel	18	Malmesbury	Apologies
2	Bergvliet	P Terry, D Alexander	19	Meadowridge	J Phillips
3	Constantia	R Pietersen, A Sawyer	20	Milnerton	B Jones, G Wragg
4	CT Military	-	21	Mowbray	N Jones, C Fisher
5	Durbanville	G Crowley	22	Oakdale	S van Dyk, M Verster
6	Edgemean	J Bradbury, L Ferreira	23	Old Oak	M Theunissen, C Downing
7	Fish Hoek	P de Walder, L de Walder	24	Parow	-
8	Fresnaye	Apologies	25	Pinelands	A Letcher, A Wild
9	Gardens	Apologies	26	Plumstead	G van Boom, B Shepherd
10	Glen CC	M Smith, J Senekal	27	Pollsmoor	A Hougaard
11	Goodwood	F Alves	28	Rondebosch	-
12	Gordon's Bay	Apologies	29	Somerset W	M Norman
13	Helderberg	Apologies	30	Stellenbosch	H Mocke, P Mocke
14	Helderberg Village	Apologies	31	Strand	Apologies
15	Kelvin Grove	B de Villiers, V Parsonage	32	Sunningdale	B Atherton, P Gohl
16	Kraaifontein	-	33	Wheatfield	B Gangen
17	Kuils River	J Bezuidenhout, C van der Vijver	34	WPCC	L Sjoeborg, A Phillips

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	Rondebosch	2025

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); Jaggars (1953-2020). SA Police (1964-2023); Rondebosch (2011-2023)

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Notice is hereby given that the One Hundred and Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Western Province Bowls Association will be held on Saturday, 15th August 2026 at the Western Province Cricket Club Bowls Clubhouse, commencing at 10h00.

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 or Junior Members liable for full subscriptions. 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 Honorary Life Members, sponsors and guests.
3. To call the roll of delegates (Recorded on arrival).
4. To receive apologies (Recorded on arrival).
5. Record Obituaries for the year.
6. Address by Greg Nasson of Personal Trust.
7. To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (16th August 2025).
8. To consider, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report for the year - 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.
9. Motions for approval and adoption.
10. To present recommendations of the Executive.
 - 10.1. Appointment of Auditors: Zaccheus Accountants Inc.
 - 10.2. WPBA Affiliation Fees for 2026-2027
11. Finance:
 - 11.1. To consider, and if approved, adopt: The Audited Western Province Bowls Association's Financial Statements for the year 01 July 2025 - 30 June 2026.
 - 11.2. To present the 2026-2027 Budget.
12. Presentation of Awards.

13. To elect Honorary Life Members.

14. To deal with any correspondence.

15. To elect Executive Committee Members for the incoming season 2026-2028

15.1. The Executive Committee as per the WPBA Constitution:

7.1 Composition

7.1.1 The Executive shall consist of eight 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 or Special General Meeting convened for this purpose in the event of any vacancy on the Executive.

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 this constitution will be effective.

7.1.5 In the event of a member being elected to the Executive during the season, such person can be elected for the full term of two years at the next Annual General Meeting.

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

President Mr Anthony Harland (Durbanville) – in second year of term as President

Vice-President *Mr Edward Douglas (Constantia)* – unopposed as Vice-President

Treasurer Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor) – in second year of term as Treasurer

Executive of Five
Ms Anina Black (Edgemoor) - in second year of term
Mr Jonathan Cochrane (Fresnaye) - in second year of term
Ms Cheryl Downing (Old Oak)
Mr Nico Taljaard (Somerset West)
Mr Sidney Africa (Bellville)

Mr Anthony Harland was elected for a 2-year period in August 2025, and his term expires in August 2027.

Ms Joy Calvert was elected for a 2-year period in August 2025, and her term expires in August 2027.

Ms Anina Black was elected for a 2-year period in August 2025, and her term expires in August 2027.

Mr Jonathan Cochrane was elected for a 2-year period in August 2025, and his term expires in August 2027.

Mr Edward Douglas was not opposed as Vice-President and is appointed to the position.

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

15.2 Outcome 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 Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Western Province Bowls held at Western Province Cricket Club Bowls Clubhouse on Saturday 16 August 2025 at 09h30.

PRESENT: Gerrit van Milligen – President (GvM), Anthony Harland – Vice President (AH), Joy Calvert – Treasurer (JC)
Executive: Edward Douglas (ED), Jonathan Cochrane (JLC), Marianna Kirsten (MK), Mark Gibbs (MG), Nico Taljaard (NT)
District Administrator : Debbie Phillips (DP)
Apologies: Doreen de Power (HLM), Gardens Bowling Club, Graham Ward (NSC Disability Bowls), Parow Bowling Club, Sergio Martinengo (HLM)

1. To read the Notice Convening the Meeting

The notice convening the meeting was read by Debbie Phillips (DP) and the meeting opened at 09h30.

2. Welcome by the President to Life Members, Past Executive Members, Council Delegates

Gerrit van Milligen (GvM) welcomed Honorary Life Member, Trish Young, past Executive Members, Council delegates, visitors as well as representatives from sponsors Personal Trust. He expressed his gratitude to clubs for their ongoing commitment and reminded everyone of the importance of respect, constructive engagement, and unity within the province.

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

29 Clubs attended (out of 33): Bellville (2), Bergvliet (2), Constantia (2), Durbanville (2), Edgemoed (2), Fish Hoek (2), Fresnaye (2), Glen (2), Goodwood (2), Gordon's Bay (1), Helderberg (2), Kelvin Grove (1), Kraaifontein (2), Kuils River (2), Malmesbury (1), Meadowridge (2), Milnerton (2), Mowbray (2), Oakdale (2), Old Oak (2), Pinelands (1), Plumstead (2), Pollsmoor (1), Somerset West (2), Stellenbosch (2), Strand (2), Sunningdale (2), Wheatfield (2) & WPCC (2). A quorum was confirmed.

Also in attendance:

Honorary Life Members:

Trish Young

Representatives:

Alan Phillips (Technical Officials), Ann Carter (Sunningdale), Bob Standen (Technical Officials), Claire Cowan (WP Players), Colleen Bryant (WPCC), Eddie Phillips (Coaches), Eddie van der Heiden (Disability Bowls), Elma Louw (Mowbray), Paulina Dockendorff (Ladies' Selection/WPB Competition Secretary), Trevor Wheeler (Greens Care), Taryn Bright (M&M)

Nominees:

Anina Black (Old Oak), Jonathan Cochrane (Edgemoed), Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor), Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead), Anthony Harland (Durbanville)

4. To receive Apologies

Apologies were noted. No apologies were received from CT Military and Helderberg Village.

5. Record Obituaries for the year

GvM stated that the list of members who had passed on during the period 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025 was included in the Annual Report and asked DP to read out their names. A moment of silence was held in honour of those who had passed.

6. Address by Mark Gibbs, Director of Personal Trust

Mark Gibbs (MG) addressed the meeting, highlighting the long-standing partnership, the value of traditional personal service, and the importance of sponsorship in sustaining WPBA activities. Thanks were also conveyed to Greg Nasson, who sent his regards. GvM then expressed sincere appreciation to Personal Trust for their continued support.

7. To read, consider and confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (18 August 2024)

The minutes of the 118th Annual General Meeting held on 18 August 2024 were taken as read. There were no amendments or objections from the floor. Proposed by Goodwood, seconded by Mowbray. Minutes were confirmed.

8. To consider and adopt the Annual Report for the year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

GvM expressed his appreciation to the Executive, Standing Committees, Admin and all involved in the compilation of the Annual Report, with a special word of thanks to Mark Douglas. The Annual Report was taken as read.

Meadowridge queried membership numbers (pg. 29 & 74) and requested clarification, for example Kelvin Grove has 24 members when they have many more members than that. Joy Calvert clarified that the membership numbers are only full playing members. Unfortunately, the Bowls SA database does not have the option to draw membership reports as at a specific date, so there are differences in numbers depending on the date the report was drawn and when members move to other clubs, join or resign.

Discussion on affiliated vs. non-affiliated members took place. Clubs were reminded that affiliation is required for participation in any WP Bowls and club competitions.

Correction noted page 23: several obituaries from Stellenbosch (Gerry Rosendorff, Johan Schwartz, Lynn van der Vegte and Johann Gerber) were listed incorrectly under Somerset West. Laurie Gorridon from Pinelands and Franz Faber from Durbanville were added.

There were no further amendments or objections from the floor. Proposed by Goodwood, seconded by Mowbray. The Annual Report was adopted with noted corrections.

9. To present recommendations of the Executive:

9.1 WP Competitions and Calendar

Nico Taljaard (NT) presented the following:

Extensive consultation held with clubs (including July workshop and survey).

League Format Decisions:

Only one game on Saturday afternoons (14h00 start). Proposal considered to play two games on opening day or second day to shorten season. Referred to Executive for final decision. League season scheduled to start 10 January 2026.

Competition Structures:

Premier League: 10 teams; lower divisions: 2 sections of 10 teams each.
Normal promotion/relegation rules to apply.

Bowls per Discipline:

Pairs: Return to Four-bowl format (Mixed Pairs: three-bowl to align with Nationals).
Trips: Three-bowl confirmed (95% support).

Fives Championship:

Remain gender-specific competitions.

Dual Membership:

Despite majority vote from clubs in the survey for restrictions, status quo will be retained to support smaller clubs.

Calendar Notes:

October reserved for club events/green renovations.
WPB Fours & Trips scheduled for November.
No WPB competitions in December (except WP vs Boland friendly).

Other Matters:

Stricter enforcement of withdrawal fines and disciplinary processes for late/no-shows.

Clarification of movement of players between sides/leagues (return to pre-2024/25 rules).
Slow play and unsporting conduct highlighted as serious disciplinary issues.
Playoff games: no time limits except for large first-round days.

GvM thanked NT for his efforts in preparing the draft calendar and facilitating workshops. Final decisions to be confirmed and circulated.

9.2 WP Affiliation Fees

The Executive proposed an increase of 6%, which is in line with inflation. Joy Calvert (JC) confirmed WP Affiliation fees will be R335.00. GvM asked for the members' agreement and there were no objections from the floor. Proposed by Gordon's Bay, seconded by WPCC. The proposal was approved unanimously.

10. Finance

10.1 To consider, and if approved, adopt:

The audited WP Bowls Association's Financial Statements for the year 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

GvM thanked JC for all the hard work put into managing the finances and getting the Financials to the auditor.

JC presented the audited financial statements for the year ending June 2025. Audited financial statements were circulated in advance.

WPBA remains financially sound, with a slightly better than budgeted loss which is a positive move in the right direction. Income was primarily derived from affiliation fees and tournament levies, while expenditure included administration, development, and inter-district participation. Clubs were informed that financial statements would be circulated regularly to ensure transparency.

Members noted errors (e.g., formatting error on page 8, 89 cents per share discrepancy to be referred to auditor by the Treasurer).

The President asked for the members' agreement in approval of the Audited Financial Statements and there were no objections from the floor. Proposed by Gordon's Bay, seconded by Goodwood. The Audited Financial Statements were adopted with noted corrections.

10.2 The 2025 – 2026 Budget

JC tabled the draft budget with some inaccuracies acknowledged. The draft budget was circulated in advance.

JC asked the meeting if there were any questions or comments on the budget. Durbanville queried why there was a difference under National Competitions and JC responded that WP Bowls hosted the Women's Nationals in Cape Town. Bellville queried the amount under Ladies Fives and JC responded that there were some inaccuracies that will be corrected. Under 45's will come out as there is no tournament planned. WPCC asked about salaries and JC responded that the discrepancy in salaries budget is because for part of the year we were paying four staff members. Going forward we will only be paying two. Eddie van der Heiden requested that the Disability Bowls budget revert to R6000. This was not spent in the last season as they had received alternate funding.

Bob Standen from DSC Technical Officials queried why the Standing Committees were not required to submit a proposed budget for the new season as this will give a more accurate picture. JC will request submissions from all standing committees.

Focus on increased fundraising. Previous event poorly supported – appeal made to clubs for stronger support in future WPB fundraising initiatives. Fundraising income target set at **R17,500**, but expected to increase with better support.

It was unanimously decided that JC would make adjustments, rework the budget and a revised version circulated for approval before next Council meeting where it can be adopted.

11. Motions for approval and adoption:

GvM presented motions discussed at Executive level, which have been forwarded via WPBA to the Western Cape Provincial Bowls Association for consideration at the BSA AGM.

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

- 7.1 Motion 1: Change to Constitution – By Bowls SA Executive**
Financial Year Amendment – Change from April–March to calendar year (Jan–Dec).
WPBA Executive supports (administrative).
- 7.2 Motion 2: Increase of 10% in Affiliation Fees – By Bowls SA Executive**
Affiliation Fee Increase – Proposed 10% increase.
WPBA Executive opposed. Suggested **6% increase** instead.
- 7.3 Motion 3: BDSA to be accepted as an Associate Member – By Bowls SA Executive**
Associated Memberships – Recognition of BDSA, Vision Impaired, and PBA as associated members of BSA.
WPBA Executive supports.
- 7.4 Motion 4: U35s – ID players – by Western Cape Bowls**
Under-35 Player Eligibility – Proposal that players already selected for senior Gold Squad, District A-sides, or Proteas should **not be eligible for Under-35 teams** for that year.
Rationale: creates opportunities for emerging talent.
Debate: some members argued the best players should always represent; others argued for development opportunities.
Decision: proposal to be forwarded for further debate at BSA AGM.
- 7.5 Motion 5: Playoff for Bronze Medals in all Bowls SA Competitions – Nationals and Inter Districts – by Western Cape Bowls**
Bronze Medal Playoffs – Suggestion to introduce playoff for 3rd/4th place rather than awarding two bronze medals.
Even if it does not carry as a formal proposal, but it is to spark discussion nationally.
- 7.6 Motion 6: ID Players Automatically Certified as Level 1 Coaches – by North West Bowls**
Automatic Coaching Certification – North West motion that players with four years of Inter-District experience automatically qualify as Level 1 coaches.
WPBA opposed: good players are not automatically good coaches.
- 7.7 Motion 7: Membership Fees – by Northern Cape Bowls**
Affiliation Fee Collection Method – Motion to revert to individual member billing (previous system).
WPBA opposed: current system working well, more efficient and transparent.
- 7.8 Motion 8: Membership Fees Clubs – By Northern Cape Bowls**
Affiliation Fee Collection Method – Motion to revert to individual member billing for Country Clubs (previous system).
WPBA opposed: current system working well, more efficient and transparent.

11.2 Motion from Goodwood Bowling Club

Goodwood Bowling Club submitted a motion to amend the WPBA Constitution:

Wording Amendment – Removal of phrase “*on or in any public platform or place*” from the disciplinary clause. Supported unanimously. Amendment adopted and will be included in the draft Constitution currently under review.

11.3 Motion from Goodwood Bowling Club

Goodwood Bowling Club submitted a motion to amend the WPBA Constitution:

Circulation of Minutes – Formal requirement that minutes be circulated and published on the website within 14 days of meetings. Supported unanimously (noting financial reports may follow less frequently). Amendment adopted and will be included in the draft Constitution currently under review.

12. Presentation of Long Service Awards and Certificates

GvM 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.

Long Service Recognition: Anthony Harland (AH) called on MG to present an award on behalf of the Executive to outgoing President, Gerrit van Milligen, in recognition of his long service to the WPBA. MG thanked GvM for 12 years of dedicated service in various roles (as Executive, Vice-President, Acting President and President). GvM was presented with a special WP Bowls Merit Badge by MG in appreciation.

13. To elect Honorary Life Members

GvM thanked the Executive for the Merit Award. He then announced the Executive's proposal of a member for Honorary Life Membership, and he asked DP to read the motivation.

The Executive Committee of the Western Province Bowls Association would like to nominate the following individual for Honorary Life Membership of WPBA:

Sylvia Burns

Sylvia Burns started playing bowls in 1994 and has contributed immensely to our sport over the three decades that she has been a part of the sport.

Her international and national accolades include:

- *Atlantic Bowls Championships – won the silver medal in the Women's Fours in 2007 in Ayr, Scotland. This event was a qualifying event for the World Outdoor Bowls Championships and was originally called the Atlantic Rim Championships for women only until 2007.*
- *World Outdoor Bowls Championship – won the gold medal in the Women's Triples in 2008 in Christchurch, New Zealand.*
- *Atlantic Bowls Championships – won the silver medal in the Women's Fours in 2009 in Johannesburg, South Africa.*
- *Atlantic Bowls Championships – won the bronze medal in the Women's Triples and the bronze medal in the Women's Fours in 2015 in Paphos, Cyprus.*
- *World Outdoor Bowls Championship – won the bronze medal in the Women's Triples in 2016 in Christchurch, New Zealand.*
- *First selected to play for South Africa in 2004 and was awarded her Protea Colours in 2006.*
- *National and District – numerous National and Western Province titles.*

Sylvia has devoted a lot of time to our sport of bowls and to WP Bowls, always competing in WP competitions and representing the District in provincial and national events over many years. Sylvia has also served as a Ladies' Selector for Western Province.

We firmly believe that her achievements and service to the sport of bowls are such that Sylvia deserves to be recognised by WP Bowls as an Honorary Life Member.

GvM asked the meeting to vote on the nomination, and the proposal was unanimously approved.

GvM thanked the meeting and stated that the Honorary Life Membership award will be presented to Sylvia Burns in due course and mentioned that it is a great honour to have another Honorary Life Member of WPBA.

14. To deal with any Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

GvM then gave his Outgoing President's Address. He delivered a heartfelt farewell, reflecting on:

Achievements:

- o Successful competitions calendar
- o Youth and development growth
- o Financial stability and sound governance
- o Support for club facility upgrades

Challenges:

- o Negative impact of public criticism on social media

- o Difficulty in recruiting and retaining Executive members
- o Strain on volunteer leadership

He urged members to foster respect, constructive criticism, and a supportive culture to protect WPBA's reputation and future.

15. To elect Executive Committee Members for the incoming season 2025 – 2026

15.1 The Executive Committee as per the WPBA Constitution

Before the election took place, GvM explained that the nomination received from Anina Black was invalid in terms of the Constitution, as the nomination was not signed by her mother club. However, as this was merely a technical issue, he asked Council if they would accept Anina's nomination at this point. It was unanimously agreed that Anina's nomination would be accepted. Following the nominations and confirmations, the following Executive Committee was elected:

- **President:** Anthony Harland
- **Vice-President:** Marianna Kirsten
- **Treasurer:** Joy Calvert
- **Executive Members:**
 - o Edward Douglas
 - o Mark Gibbs
 - o Nico Taljaard
 - o Jonathan Cochrane
 - o Anina Black

GvM expressed gratitude to MG and NT, who had considered stepping down but agreed to continue, providing continuity and experience.

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

Hence the full Executive Committee for the 2025-2026 was announced as:

President	Mr Anthony Harland (Durbanville) – unopposed as President and elected for a two-year term
Vice-President	Ms Marianna Kirsten (Plumstead) – unopposed as Vice-President and elected for a two-year term
Treasurer	Ms Joy Calvert (Pollsmoor) - unopposed as Treasurer and elected for a two-year term
Executive Members	Mr Edward 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 (Edgemead) - elected for a two-year term Ms Anina Black (Old Oak) - elected for a two-year term

GvM handed AH the President's badge and AH presented GvM with the Past President's badge. AH then presented the Treasurer's badge to JC and Executive badges to Jonathan Cochrane (JLC) and Anina Black (AB).

AH then gave his Incoming President's Address. He expressed appreciation to his wife, Denise, Durbanville Bowling Club, and colleagues for their support. He outlined his vision and goals:

1. **Membership Growth:**
 - a. Address decline by engaging smaller clubs to understand retention challenges.
 - b. Highlight importance of qualified coaches in growing membership.
2. **Relationships:**
 - a. Improve trust and communication between clubs and Executive.
 - b. Commit to more regular forums and transparency.
3. **Projects for Next Quarter:**
 - a. Finalisation of new Constitution (to be shared with clubs before adoption at SGM).
 - b. Financial review: further cost reductions and alternative income streams (beyond subs & sponsorship).

He emphasised the need for unity, respect, and teamwork to move WPBA forward, and committed to quarterly progress updates.

16. Any other matters

Bergvliet - Social Membership Rules: Clarification requested on national guidelines; WPBA Constitution limits to 3 hours per week. BSA guidelines to be confirmed.

Durbanville - Financial Reporting: Treasurer confirmed monthly statements will be distributed going forward.

With no further business, the new President, Anthony Harland closed the meeting at 10h45, thanking all delegates for their contributions and wishing clubs a successful season ahead.



Anthony Harland

WP Bowls Executive President

29 August 2025

Date



Debbie Phillips

WP Bowls District Administrator

29 August 2025

Date

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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.

Bergvliet	Jean Lamb
	Colin Lamb
	Grant Arbuthnot
Constantia	Geoff Perrow
	David Wilson
	Peter Cawood
Durbanville	Fred Hewett
	Franz Faber
	Irma Carroll
	Louise Beyers
	Paul Robinson
Edgemoed	Bruce Sutherland
	George Steytler
	Tony Sartor
	Willy Lester
	Barry Brink
	Dennis Payne
Fish Hoek	Michael Hart
	Vincent Busse
Glen	Alec Cohen
	Fred Raad
	Ivan Garb
	Ruby Maron
	Alfred Lewin
	Boris Friedland
	JB Radomsky
	Julius Maisel
Goodwood	Dave Eccles
	Jean Vos
Gordon's Bay	Gordon Warnock
Helderberg	Peter Matthews

Kraaifontein	Riaan Langenhoven
Meadowridge	Julie Grant
	Chris Nurrish
	Jacko van Graan
	Sandy Grindrod
Milnerton	Maureen Koen
	Pat Hayley
	Harvey Downes
	Linda Michel
Mowbray	Loraine Todt
	Penny van Zyl
	Johnny Ward
Oakdale	Chad Pettit
	Leon Naude
	Boetie Louw
Pinelands	Tish Douglas
	Laurie Gorridon
	Mark Lancaster
Plumstead	Myles Kronk
Pollsmoor	Michael Ohlsson
Strand	André Cloete
Sunningdale	Ann Carter
	John Venter
	Leon Schronen
	Mike Beham
	Rex Strauss
	Vera Fautley
	Renate Schubert
Wheatfield	Colin Diedrick
	Margaret Hendricks

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met nine 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 16 August 2025, Council met on 6 December 2025 and 4 July 2026. The representation of the individual Clubs at the Meetings were as follows:

6 December 2025

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

4 July 2026

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

Membership

Club Membership Growth over the last 5 years.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2025-2026 Movement
Bellville	51	62	60	58	54	-4
Bergvliet	47	53	53	66	71	5
Cape Town Military	0	0	0	8	6	-2
Constantia	94	109	113	106	105	-1
Durbanville	215	238	243	256	247	-9
Edgemean	157	176	184	183	201	18
Fish Hoek	95	98	100	94	98	4
Fresnaye	34	37	40	44	52	8
Gardens	2	2	2	2	2	0
Glen CC	99	110	102	98	97	-1
Goodwood	41	59	57	58	56	-2
Gordon's Bay	58	69	71	78	79	1
Helderberg	87	105	111	120	130	10
Helderberg Village	59	61	65	11	8	-3
Kelvin Grove	-	-	-	24	26	2
Kraaifontein	34	44	28	26	35	9
Kuils River	47	56	58	57	67	10
Malmesbury	18	21	20	29	34	5
Meadowridge	107	109	109	104	118	14
Milnerton	83	95	75	63	68	5
Mowbray	77	98	97	97	85	-12
Oakdale	54	63	70	73	62	-11
Old Oak	126	142	168	179	169	-10
Parow	20	24	26	32	42	10
Pinelands	59	66	66	63	67	4
Plumstead	66	72	68	61	53	-8
Pollsmoor	21	27	25	27	27	0
Rondebosch	-	-	-	1	1	0
Somerset West	86	104	107	97	104	7
Stellenbosch	67	76	80	70	70	0
Strand	82	95	91	97	97	0
Sunningdale	74	88	86	105	118	13
Wheatfield	26	26	27	40	31	-9
WP Cricket Club	70	71	67	78	80	2
	2156	2456	2469	2504	2560	56

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President's Report

Taking over as President this past season has brought a number of challenges, as well as valuable lessons. Mistakes have been made, and more will inevitably be made, because we are human.

Despite these challenges, we have also had a number of successes that we should celebrate. It is important that we continue to focus on the positive, rather than allowing the negative 5% to take up 95% of our time. The experience I have gained over the past year has been invaluable, and I look forward to hitting the ground running in the new season.

Once again, thank you to our loyal sponsor of many years, Personal Trust. While we are sad to see Mark Gibbs step down from the Executive, we hope that the sponsorship relationship will continue for many years to come. We would also like to thank our smaller broadcast sponsors for their valued support.

A big thank you to Marianna Kirsten, out-going Vice President, for all her hard work and commitment for the past 6 years on the WPBA Executive and we wish her well going forward.

As in past report backs, I will provide a final update on the four primary goals we set at the beginning of the year: Membership Growth, Building Relationships, Constitution Review, and Finances.

On the financial side, Joy will provide more detail in the Treasurer's Report. The Annual Financial Statements reflect a much-improved position, moving from a loss of R149 677 in the previous year to a profit of R322 167. This represents a turnaround of R471 844, which is a fantastic effort and certainly a major achievement. This goal has been achieved.

The amended constitution was presented to Council last month for discussion and input. A Special General Meeting will be held on 15 August, before the AGM, to approve the amendments. This goal has been achieved.

Building Relationships started well, but a number of personal, health, and family challenges affected most Executive members and understandably took priority. With these challenges largely behind us, we are now ready to move forward. This goal was not achieved.

Lastly, membership growth: we have been tracking monthly figures from October last year to June 2026, which reflects growth of 144 members, or 6%. However, year-on-year growth remains marginal, and we need a concerted effort from all clubs to help grow membership.

Some clubs remain a concern, and we will need to focus on these in the new season.

Overall, we can, and will, do better in the new season.

For the new season, we will again set goals that we would like to achieve. Although these have not yet been finalised, they will certainly include Membership Growth and Relationship Building.

Once again, I believe it is important to point out that complaints and concerns from players should not be voiced on social media or other informal channels. The correct communication procedure should be followed, namely through the club and then from the club to WP Bowls.

Information shared on these platforms is often incorrect, one-sided, or provided without full knowledge of the facts or rules. If the correct communication procedures were followed, many of these issues could be resolved quickly and easily. I again appeal to club leadership to please address this matter with their members.

It is pleasing to note that we have managed to fill all Executive positions for the new season, something we have not achieved in the past few years. In addition to those renominated for standing committee positions, we also have six first-time nominations, which is encouraging, although we still need many more volunteers.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my Executive Committee, and Mark, who will be stepping down after 6 years of service, for the time, sacrifice, and effort they have put in. I would also like to thank Debbie Phillips for keeping us on our toes and ensuring that deadlines are met, as well as the various standing committees, club administrators, players, and spectators who enable us to play and watch the sport we dearly love.

Tony Harland
President

Treasurer's Report

I am delighted to be able to report a profit of R322k this season. This is way over budget, hasn't happened in a very long time and can be attributed to a significant reduction in expenses this past year as well as an increase in income which we were not expecting.

I need to extend a huge thank you to those clubs who have settled their outstanding accounts with WPBA (some of which related to very old amounts). We will continue to send out statements every month, so nothing gets lost through the cracks. Thank you for attending to this.

You may notice that our cash-on-hand account is looking very healthy. This is because we have been able to invest more in our Call Account than we were able to do previously.

To break it down:

2023	R 644 000
2024	R 914 000
2025	R 876 000
2026	R1 200 000

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all members who have supported fundraising activities in our district, and I'd like to encourage you all to continue to do so. Support of all fundraising activities will ensure that we can continue to have a healthy bank balance.

Increases in membership also equate to more income for the District, so I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage clubs to do everything possible to make this happen.

Queries

I want to encourage members to engage with me if they have any further questions or queries with regard to finance or membership admin. My email address is treasurer@wpbowls.co.za (for finance queries), membership@wpbowls.co.za (for membership queries) and my cell phone number is 075 232 9581. I will make every effort to respond to queries as soon as I can.

Joy A Calvert
Treasurer

District Administration

Debbie Phillips joined WP Bowls administration on 1 July 2024 and took over the bookkeeping role from Denise Vermeulen from 1 December 2024.

Debbie has ensured that our administration is very professionally and efficiently managed. I would like to thank her for her ongoing commitment, hard work, patience, and dedication. Her organisational skills are exceptional, and this has resulted in WP Bowls administration being very professional. The district's administration processes and communication have improved significantly since she joined WP Bowls.

Debbie works closely with the President and Exco members as well as the Treasurer, assisting with bookkeeping tasks. She plays a significant role in liaising with the various clubs, other Districts and with Bowls SA. She also plays an essential role in coordinating the various tasks of the WP Bowls Executive, coordinating events such as the capping, prizegiving events, council meetings and AGM. She also assists with arranging kit, travel arrangements and logistics for all the WP Bowls team tours.

Mark Gibbs

Executive Member

Executive Portfolio Report - Governance

During the 2025/2026 reporting period, WP Bowls continued to strengthen its governance framework to ensure alignment with modern bowls administration standards and best-practice organisational principles. A key focus area for the year was the review and update of the WP Bowls Constitution.

The Constitution was comprehensively revised to bring it in line with current bowls terminology, governance standards, and operational requirements. This update ensures that WP Bowls remains compliant with national structures, reflects contemporary administrative practices, and provides clearer guidance to clubs, committees, and members.

Once the draft updated Constitution was finalised, it was distributed to all Council members across affiliated clubs. Council representatives were requested to review the document and submit comments, recommendations, or amendments. This consultative process ensured that all clubs had the opportunity to participate meaningfully in shaping the governance framework of the district.

Following the review period and incorporation of relevant feedback, the Constitution has now reached its final stage. The final version will be presented for approval at a Special General Meeting scheduled for 15 August 2026. Once adopted, the updated Constitution will serve as the authoritative governance document for WP Bowls and will support improved clarity, accountability, and operational consistency across the district.

WP Bowls remains committed to transparent governance, member participation, and continuous improvement of its administrative structures.

Eddie Douglas

Executive Member

Executive Portfolio Report - Open Inter Districts Report – 9 to 13 March 2026

The Western Province Bowls District successfully hosted the Open Inter Districts Tournament from 9 to 13 March 2026 across four clubs:

- Durbanville (Headquarters)
- Old Oak (Sub-Headquarters)
- Edgemead
- Helderberg

The multi-venue format operated smoothly, with all clubs demonstrating excellent organisational capability and strong support for the event.

WP Bowls extends sincere appreciation to each host club for their hospitality, catering services, and the outstanding condition of their greens, which contributed significantly to the overall quality and professionalism of the tournament.

The event was coordinated by a dedicated Events Committee whose commitment ensured the smooth running of all operational aspects. The committee consisted of:

- Eddie Douglas – Convenor
- Jenny Phillips – Technical Officials
- Joy Calvert - Treasurer
- Trevor Wheeler – Greens
- Lou Engelbrecht – Recordkeeping
- Debbie Phillips – Administration

Despite the overall success of the tournament, the week's severe heatwave created unavoidable disruptions, resulting in the cancellation of Wednesday afternoon play for player safety. The committee acted promptly and responsibly, ensuring that all adjustments were communicated effectively and that the remainder of the event proceeded without incident.

The 2026 Open Inter Districts was well received by players, officials, and spectators, and the professionalism of the host clubs and committee contributed to a highly successful tournament.

Eddie Douglas

Executive Member

Executive Portfolio Report - Projects

It's been a productive year for Executive Projects.

1. Suit-up September- 27th September

- This was a very last-minute idea.
- With only 10 clubs taking part and 3 clubs giving donations, we managed to raise **R 31 140** for the Prostate Cancer Foundation. We are hoping for more clubs to use this as an opportunity to bring the community to play bowls and raise awareness of both bowls and Prostate Cancer Foundation.

2. WPBA PBA Qualifier

- The winner of the Qualifier was Ruan Stone, made a profit of R 9 290.00

3. Cape Town Sport Council Awards

- Kevin Campbell and Trish Young received Lifetime Achievements Awards.
- Jacko van Graan received the Roll of Honour posthumously.
- Margie Palmer was awarded Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability.
- 19 of our bowlers, PD bowlers, VI bowlers and Directors have been awarded Cape Town Sports Council District Colours, to be presented before the AGM.

Name	Sport Code	Category	Medal	Event	Division
Abe Crouse	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Bronze	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Men's Singles
Avril Davids	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Mixed Pairs
Brian Howell	Para Bowls	VI Director	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B1 Mixed Pairs
Colleen Marshall	Bowls	Bowler	Bronze	BSA Ladies' SA Open	Ladies Pairs
Corrie Brits	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B1 Mixed Pairs
Cynthia McDuling	Para Bowls	VI Director	Bronze	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Men's Singles
Debbie Phillips	Bowls	Bowler	Silver	BSA Ladies' SA Open	Ladies Open Singles
Gamiet Fortune	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B1 Men's Singles
Gamiet Fortune	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Mixed Pairs
Graham Ward	Para Bowls	VI Director	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Mixed Pairs
Graham Ward	Para Bowls	VI Director	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Ladies Singles
Margie Palmer	Para Bowls	PD Bowler	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B6-8 Ladies Singles
Margie Palmer	Para Bowls	PD Bowler	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B6-8 Ladies Pairs
Michelle Eshun	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B2 Mixed Pairs
Michelle Eshun	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Bronze	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B2 Mixed Singles
Nicki de Villiers	Para Bowls	VI Director	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B2 Mixed Pairs
Patrick McDuling	Para Bowls	VI Director	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Mixed Pairs
Princess Schroeder	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Mixed Pairs
Princess Schroeder	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Ladies Singles
Roy Peters	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Men's Singles
Sidney Africa	Para Bowls	VI Director	Gold	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B3-4 Men's Singles
Steve Woor	Bowls	Bowler	Bronze	BSA Men's SA Open	Men's Veteran Singles
Taryn Bright	Bowls	Bowler	Bronze	BSA Ladies' SA Open	Ladies Pairs
Thomas George	Para Bowls	VI Bowler	Silver	BSA National Bowls for Disabled	B2 Mixed Pairs

Jonathan Cochrane

Executive Member

Executive Portfolio Report – PBA Liaison

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

Fairtree Player Ranking

- All WPBA results for the last 4 years (including this year's) have been updated on the PBA Bowls Master App
- Used PBA Bowls Master App to successfully run the PBA Qualifier

Jonathan Cochrane

Executive Member

Executive Portfolio Report – Safeguarding

Achievements Over the Last Year

Register a DSO (Designated Safety Officer) for WPBA

- I have been registered with BSA as the DSO (for now) so that we are compliant.

WPBA Policy & Procedures for Safeguarding

- Wrote the WPBA Policy & Procedures for Safeguarding based on BSA's P&P and SASCOC's (crediting them)

Created the following Safeguarding Forms

- Reporting Form
- Officials Code of Ethics
- Declaration of Good Standing

Designated Safeguarding Officers and Safeguarding Awareness

- We have 7 qualified Designated Safeguarding Officers, we need more female DSO's
- We have 53 bowlers who have done the Safeguarding Awareness Course (not all are coaches)
- It is now a prerequisite for all coaches to have completed the Safeguarding Awareness Course.

Jonathan Cochrane

Executive Member

MEDIA AND MARKETING

Executive Committee Liaison

I was honoured, albeit a bit apprehensive, to be given the opportunity to work with the Media and Marketing of Western Province Bowls.

They say one can only be as strong as your team and I was privileged to have a great team, made up of people with diverse knowledge.

Our social media footprint expanded greatly during the season, even though it slowed down a bit after work commitments impacted the DSC membership. I am aware that both the Media and the Marketing side must be expanded in the new season and invite clubs to send us proposals on how this can be rolled out in the future.

I thank the team and the Executive for their assistance.

Anina Black

Executive Member

District Standing Committee for Media and Marketing – Annual Report 2026

Anina Black (Convenor)

Alan Bennet

Jonathan Cochrane

Noel Solomon

Michelle Reyolds

Everything seemed to fall in place nicely with members of the team stepping in to assist when others were unavailable. The team are very fortunate to have diverse strengths which helps this team to be solid.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Michelle could not continue to the end of the season but continues to assist as and when she can.

Social media has picked up quite nicely but there is still a lot that can be done in this area. The team has made a decision recently to keep our uniqueness, not just ending up with quick made AI posters.

As many will know WP has an official dedicated Facebook page *Western Province Bowls SA* – this is mainly for WP competitions and news, provincial bowls, some news involving other districts, Bowls South Africa news and World Bowls news. The second Facebook page where we are involved is *Bowls@Cape Town*. This one is an unofficial page that is used for general stuff, clubs wanting to advertise All Days, news from other districts, advertising of bowls, etc. This is also used to receive news and photographs from our members when bowling, attending tournaments, functions, etc. We have found that this also plays an important role and members are interested in the happenings around the district.

Going forward, when we host tournaments at least one member of the team should have insight early on to ensure we do not have the same challenges where we had events with very little media presence and photos taken.

Our next step is to find one person that will take photographs and share when a WP competition is being held at their club. In an ideal world each club should assign a marketing person, so please consider putting your hand up to assist.

Marketing was not a strong point this past year and with additional members on the team that can get clubs input and ideas, we would certainly like to investigate the best way to market the sport of bowls, the clubs and our great district.

Thank you team for the major work directly or indirectly – whether on the green or next to the green. You showed up, turned up, assisted each other and made each other smile – whether it was an interview, a photograph, the correct phrase or words – thank you.

Anina Black

Convenor

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Executive Committee Liaison

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.

Nico Taljaard

Executive Member

District Standing Committee for Technical Officials - Annual Report 2026

Jenny Phillips (Convenor)

Alan Phillips

Anina Black

Bob Standen

Gordon Patrick

Jonathan Cochrane

Nico Taljaard

The TOSC held 2 marker's courses between January and end June this year. We qualified 15 new markers on the January course and 5 are busy with final practical assessments for us to apply for their qualifications this month.

We had a large group for the level 1 umpires course held throughout November and qualified 15 new level one umpires after those requirements were met.

Obtaining certificates and letters from BSA has proved a time-consuming exercise with the new administration assistant needing to make many corrections and re-issue these, to finalise.

As always, it is 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 have had success running the courses for full days once a week, normally a Monday, also on Monday evenings which makes it quite a long day for the presenters and we will look at doing both a markers course and level 1 umpires' course on weekends in the next few months before the new competition calendar kicks off.

We had a very good working arrangement with the WP Competitions committee this year and feel that we were able to support the running of the official competitions in a far more constructive way this year. We were also thus able to assist clubs chosen for playoffs and finals to have technical officials on duty.

The Open Interdistrict tournament was hosted by Western Province in March this year during the record heatwave conditions in the Western Cape. With the support of the BSA mandate on weather and competition interruptions, the support of the officials at the clubs and co-operation of players and managers, we were able to successfully complete all but one of the drawn games where the points were shared.

Thanks to the committee members who assisted with the various tasks this year.

Jenny Phillips

Convenor

SELECTION

Executive Committee Liaison – Men's Selectors

I fulfil the Men's selectors liaison role on behalf of the Executive as well as serving on the Men's Selection Committee. Marianna Kirsten was the liaison person for the Ladies Selection Committee before stepping down in June 2026.

In the past there have been some challenges between the Men and Ladies' selectors regarding integration and consistency of selection policies. This relationship has definitely improved, although there is still room for improvement.

In the past the Men's selectors have had challenges with some selectors resigning during their term and so consistency has been a challenge. There has been better stability in recent years.

Noel Solomon and I together with Schalk Kotze, Adré Barnard and Graeme Elliott comprise the selection committee. Schalk Kotze has been an excellent convenor and Graeme and Adré, with their provincial playing experience, have added significant value to the selection committee.

The selectors often have a thankless and unenviable task and face unnecessary criticism, including some inappropriate comments on social media platforms that make the role challenging.

I would like to thank my fellow selectors for the enormous amount of time and effort that they commit to WP Bowls.

Eddie Phillips, Convenor of Coaches, has also played a very important role supporting the selectors with skills training, input and assessment tools.

The number of trials dates were reduced, and this will be reduced further for the season ahead with the aim of selecting the Inter District sides sooner for 2027.

In addition, the work done on reviewing and updating the selection policy/guidelines, has helped the selection process. Grading and ranking of players taking into account their records, will also enhance the selection process.

The Men's sides had mixed success at the 2026 Inter Districts. The A Side finished 5th in their section, the B Side was excellent and won the silver medal losing very narrowly to JBA in the final and the Veterans finished 3rd in their section. We look forward to improved results as we build to stronger sides going forward.

Mark Gibbs

Executive Member

Schalk Kotze (Convenor)

Adré Barnard
Graeme Elliott
Mark Gibbs
Noel Solomon

Our committee benefitted greatly from the experience brought by the joining of Adré Barnard and later Graeme Elliott and is looking forward to Stefan Koen's joining in the near future.

Due to the unavailability of all six skips of the previous year, we had to select new back rank combinations for all three sides. That made it impossible to achieve one of our goals, which is to have more stability and continuity in teams year on year. Therefore, it is understandable for some commentators to see the teams selected as if the emphasis was on development. Hence, we selected balanced teams with a mixture of youth and experience.

The Open side with three new caps had mixed results and were better than the fifth place they ended on. The experience gained will pay off well in the future. The team staying together for a home tournament contributed hugely to remaining positive throughout the week. The abnormal heat wave no doubt also had an impact on individual performances. The negative comments and criticism during and after the tournament by certain self-appointed social media-personalities was uncalled for and hopefully in future will learn to show more respect to the selectors and realize the negative impact their comments have on players, selectors and the image of our Province.

The B side again performed brilliantly and narrowly missed out on bringing back a Gold Medal. The success of our B-side is evidence of the depth in our province.

The Veterans had a slow start to their tournament but shown great character by coming back strongly and ended third in their section.

WPBA are spoiled with the abundance of talented young bowlers coming to maturity and I'm confident that we will be a force to be reckoned with in IDs in 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 skills assessments and psychological preparation of the players.

The biggest thank you goes to the players showing they are proud to wear the Disa through their commitment, dedication and efforts to improve.

Yours in Bowls

Schalk Kotze
Convenor

District Standing Committee for Ladies' Selectors – Annual Report 2026

Paulina Dockendorff (Convenor)

Jaye Mendelsohn
Lynda Nurrish
Margaret Thomas
Sandy Wehrli

The WP Ladies Selection Committee completed another demanding and rewarding season, overseeing the identification, assessment and selection of players to represent Western Province at the 2026 Inter District Championships.

A comprehensive selection process was implemented, incorporating player records, structured trials and practice sessions. This process ensured that all eligible players were offered a fair opportunity to demonstrate their abilities while enabling the Selectors to evaluate individual performances, team combinations and overall squad balance.

The WP Ladies Selection Committee extends its sincere appreciation to every player who participated in the selection process during the 2025/2026 season. The standard of bowls continues to improve, making selection increasingly competitive and highlighting the depth of talent within Western Province.

The performances of the Western Province Ladies teams at the 2026 Inter District Championships were outstanding and reflected the commitment and dedication of both the players and the Selection Committee.

The results achieved were as follows:

- **WP Ladies Open A-Side** Bronze Medal
- **WP Ladies Open B-Side** Bronze Medal
- **WP Ladies Veterans Side** Gold Medal

While the medal successes were encouraging, equal importance continues to be placed on succession planning and the development of emerging players. The Selectors remain committed to identifying and nurturing talented bowlers who will strengthen Western Province teams in future seasons and ensure sustained competitiveness at provincial level.

The Committee also extends its sincere appreciation to the clubs that generously made their facilities available for trials, squad sessions and preparation matches throughout the season. Their ongoing support remains essential to the successful operation of the provincial selection programme.

Finally, sincere thanks are extended to the members of the WP Ladies Selection Committee for the considerable time, dedication and professionalism invested throughout the season. The Selectors remain committed to continuously reviewing and strengthening the selection process, with the objective of maintaining Western Province as a leading force in Inter District competition.

We look forward to building on this season's achievements as preparations continue for the 2026/2027 campaign.

Paulina Dockendorff
Convenor

GREENS CARE

Executive Committee Liaison

The Greens Standing Committee have had a very busy year. All the greens in the district were evaluated during the first 4 months of the year. Greens evaluations and recommendations were completed for the Open Inter Districts 2026 and just recently they worked on identifying greens at clubs for the Men's Open Nationals 2027.

This group of gentlemen has always made themselves available to assist greenkeepers in providing advice and assisting club greenkeepers in maintaining their greens. An additional course for greenkeeper assistants has been prepared and will be presented before year end. The website is updated regularly and contains vital information for greens care. This is a valuable source of information for club greenkeepers to use.

I would like to thank these gentlemen for all their work and assisting clubs to ensure greens are maintained correctly and in good condition for WP competitions.

Eddie Douglas

Executive Member

District Standing Committee for Greens Care – Annual Report 2026

Trevor Wheeler (Convenor)

Bill McCarthy
Brian Pearman
Chris Myrtle
Nic Marais
Vernon Dryden

Since our last report to the Executive in July 2025, the Greens Care Committee has continued to meet at least on a bi-monthly basis and has produced a number of Newsletters.

We have completed the preparation of the course material for the Greens Assistants course. This is a provincial initiative, and the format is a three-module practical course, each module lasting approximately 3 hours. We have currently received approximately 30 expressions of interest and intend to start at the end of July. We intend to run the course at three separate venues and will shortly be advising the candidates the venues they have been allocated to. On the successful completion of the course, each participant will receive a certificate of achievement.

We have also implemented further changes to our website and are posting both new and updated files on a regular basis. We recently received an enquiry from Canada, arising from the content we have placed on our website, and are delighted to report that the majority of searches made on “bowling green” related matters, includes data from our website.

The errors discovered when using the Cubit’s levels spreadsheet are being addressed. Bowls SA has produced a test program which we have successfully tested. There are still ongoing discussions taking place regarding the number of readings that will need to be taken and the tolerance level (+/- 3mm or +/- 4 mm). We have informed Bowls SA of our preferred choices and are awaiting a final version. In the meantime, we are performing checks on the results produced by the current spreadsheet(s), to ensure a correct score is produced.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was not possible to evaluate the greens of every club this season. For those not visited this season, we will ensure are dealt with first next season. We were asked to forward a copy of our tabulated results to Bowls SA, as part of their revised National competition venue selection process.

We are still awaiting a response from Bowls SA regarding the rink marker size. In the meantime, we are not penalizing any Club that uses a 40 mm marker width, when carrying out green’s evaluations.

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. The levels requirements for Clubs hosting National events are now even tougher, with the Bowls SA requirement being that levels must be taken no more than six months prior to the start of the tournament.

We have purchased a laser level, and it is available for hire. We can offer assistance in its use if needed and have found that it reduced the time taken to complete the readings.

We are pleased to report that there has been a continued demand for the hire of the Merado, and wish to extend our thanks to Gray Collier, for maintaining and storing the machine.

During the year we carried out all of the required Bowls SA inspections at the Clubs chosen as venues for the ID Open event, which took place in March 2026.

We will assist Bowls SA in the process of making inspections for the Men's National 2027 and anticipate that they will require at least 23 greens for the event.

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

During the year we dealt with two formal complaints.

I am pleased to report that Chris Myrtle agreed to join our committee and is taking an active role in the Committee's activities.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to Bill McCarthy, Vernon Dryden, Nic Marais, Brian Pearman and Chris Myrtle for their constant enthusiasm and willingness to travel around the district to evaluate the greens and offer advice and assistance where necessary. I would also wish to offer a special thank you to Terry Hepworth, for his continued support and advice, and to Eddie Douglas our WP Executive representative for his help and advice.

Trevor Wheeler
Convenor

COACHES

Executive Committee Liaison

I learnt a lot about the behind the scenes work that gets done by a small number of coaches to assist ALL our Inter-District teams. Coaching is not just about how to deliver a bowl, that is the work of a Level 1 coach. Our DSC and Level 2 Coaches spend days of their time researching new and better techniques which they use to assist our top bowlers to achieve their goals and higher potential. There is a good reason that the motion that any ID bowler automatically be classified was rejected at the BSA AGM last year. Being a good or even great player does not mean you can show, teach or help another player. There is a lot of training and research and practice that goes into this. Many of the world's top coaches in other sports never played for their district.

Bowls is the only sport where it is not the norm to have a coach. This culture needs to change if you want to improve your game, your club and district. Become a coach (it doesn't mean you have to coach every weekend) and use your club coaches. We are there to help you improve your game. Instead of asking, why is that coach only helping that player, rather ask: have I asked a coach to become MY coach?

Jonathan Cochrane
Executive Member

District Standing Committee for Coaches – Annual Report 2026

Eddie Phillips (Convenor)
Christo Vermooten
Hennie Venter
Jenny Griffiths
Jenny Phillips
Lynda Nurrish

The impact of the passing of Chris Nurrish has been very evident on the Coaches Standing Committee this year and his involvement as a coach and an administrative support is sorely missed – RESPECT and GRATITUDE.

A summary of the 2025-2026 season could be described as one of loads of learnings and building, with experiential implementation of possible approaches (online and physical), lessons and support to those that requested it. A full schedule of competitions and training for ID's had most weekends tied up for competitive bowls and not many Squad sessions.

Research on topics of High Performance led to a better understanding of mental toughness and other practical reset sequences that could be offered to bowlers. The course facilitators from last year were introduced to National interventions and learnings.

The NSCC requested all coaches to complete the Safeguarding Awareness Certificate and the updated Code of Conduct by the end of July 2026. I therefore spent a lot of time receiving and processing these onto the BSA database.

I had the privilege to accompany the selected WPB players to the Western Cape Singles in George in October 2025, as well as the WPB U25 teams to Bloemfontein in March 2026. Seeing how the youth have grown over the past few years are remarkable and being rewarded with their recent inclusion in the Emerging Protea Squad.

Courses

The DSC successfully facilitated the Coach Refresher and Level 1 courses. Only 2 candidates applied for the Level 2 course that was postponed.

The Level 1 (#1522) course took place in Helderberg on the 26-27th July 2025, attended by 10 candidates, including 1 international candidate from Nairobi, Kenya. Kjellan Awuor went back home to a baptism of fire as the local coach arranged a Youth Outreach that were attended by nearly 25 youths over 4 weeks. All other Level 1 candidates completed their post-course work and have their accreditation processed. The NSCC asked all coaches to complete a Safeguarding Awareness Certificate and the updated Coaches Code of Conduct before qualification is awarded.

The Coach Refresher Course (#1636) was held on the 18th April 2026 attended by 16 coaches at WPCC. The program included the mandatory Clinic Technique Review as the standard technical coaching framework, as well as assisting coaches to be comfortable with doing skills assessments (as part of the WPB Academy Framework), understanding the impact of the Safeguarding requirements and a presentation regarding FLOW: Attention, Concentration and Focus. It provided the coaches also the opportunity to sign the updated Code of Conduct required by NSCC and to engage with coaches from other clubs.

Courses for 2026-2027 are well subscribed with enthusiastic candidates (L1 = 20; L2 = 8) with some candidates indicating willingness to go on to Level 3 eventually.

We planned to attend more external courses this year, but the appropriate providers were only identified in early July 2026 and will be concluded in the 2026-2027 season. Our previous learning experiences (Sport Psych & HP by EQUIP) were well received by other coaches via the NSCC, and sessions were arranged for other national coaches as well.

Thank you to all the other coaches involved in post-course mentoring, meetings and courses; Jenny Griffiths, Lynda Nurrish, Hugo and Petronella Mocke, Ian Rohrtbart, Jenny Phillips, Hennie Venter, Christo Vermooten and Theuna Grobler.

WPB Academy

Even though the WPB Academy Framework has been set, and the inaugural High Potential Squad was identified by the selectors, the schedule (first Saturday of the Month) was mostly taken up by competitions. We then had a couple of online sessions on a Monday evening (7:15-8pm) that were not fully attended. I was also not able to present all of them, with Jenny Griffiths still recovering from treatments.

A developmental pathway for one player will be very different from the next. Sharing general information about a specific topic will be perceived differently by everyone. The trick is to spend individual time with every player

to assist in the implementation of those concepts for each player. Some also indicated the need for more mentored practical exercises with these concepts. It also begs the need for PLAYER PATHWAYS that will receive some attention shortly. I believe that individual profiling will assist coaches to develop personalised player development plans, and how that will assist the selectors planned combinations.

The WPB Academy Framework was also discussed at the Coach Refresher Course with a discussion on what skills assessments can be done at club level to assist players in the different squads.

Planning 2026-2027

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

- Set and facilitate annual coaching courses (Level 1, Level 2 and Refresher/C2C);
- Integrate external course notes and concepts/exercises into presentations;
- Provide support to club coaches on a more regular basis that will entail quarterly workshops in the basin, north and south;
- Continue with supporting the WPB Selectors with trials processes and activities. These could include player assessments and profiling by external providers;
- Development of the scoring app (PBA Bowls Master) to ensure all assessments are captured and reported. Pieter Bester assisted Theuns Fraser with capturing Green Squad assessments and I'll get assistance from him to develop regular assessments on the same app. He already indicated that PBA could integrate it with their app.

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!

Thanks to all the clubs that were willing to offer their facilities for assessments, meetings and trainings. Keep supporting the club coaches and see how the performance of your players gets them reaching more playoffs.

Eddie Phillips

Convenor

YOUTH BOWLS

District Standing Committee for Youth Bowls – Annual Report 2026

Jenny Griffiths (Convenor)

Christo Vermooten

Eddie Phillips

Marianna Kirsten

Junior bowls is thriving in our district, and we have grown in numbers. Thanks to the efforts of Aloma Smith in Strand who consistently gets learners from Strand High School to join her weekly for junior bowls.

Unfortunately, bowls is no longer recognised as one of the school sports, however we are still attracting young learners. Along with that we are getting young learners from other schools in the area – most of these have come from word-of-mouth recommendations. We need the juniors to bring their friends to bowls. With Uncle Paul no longer being active with the juniors we are struggling to get players from disadvantaged communities. We need to find other ways of attracting young players of colour through word of mouth from the current junior players at their schools.

The once-a-month meeting of the J-Squad at Pinelands bowling club on the second Saturday of each month continues and the juniors have an opportunity to meet and play bowls and develop their skills with their peers.

We have varying numbers on the Saturdays depending on what other sport is being played at school. We now have a “nursery” of 5 youngsters below the age of 10, and we are assisting them to have fun as they learn the game. They want to feel part of the juniors. We have taken on the Under 25’s as well and it is helping us to keep in touch with them as they navigate their time post school into jobs and trying to still play bowls. It’s our way of keeping these young people in the sport which has given them a lot as juniors.

Junior tournaments:

1. The Junior (Under 18) Masters was played at Edgemead on the 11th and 12th April and for the first time we played the boys and girls in separate sections. The newer bowlers battled a bit more but by the end of the weekend we could see a huge difference in the players. The competition for the ultimate prize was hard fought in both the boys’ and girls’ sections. The boy’s competition was won again this year by Thando Mraji, and the silver medal went to Matthys van Tonder. The bronze playoff was between Vigo Alves and AJ Hougaard with Vigo winning the bragging rights. In the girls’ section Jordané Castle won the section with Hannah Havenga getting the silver. The bronze medal went to Anzel Benadé after some tough matches.
2. The annual Envar Buys tournament took place in Franskraal from the 3rd – 5th October 2026. This is a development tournament, and the aim is to play as many of our juniors as possible. We sent three under 18 teams and two under 15 teams and they did well. We got gold and bronze in the under 18 section and gold in the under 15 section. The juniors did us proud and over the weekend there was a noticeable difference in their play. This tournament is a real catalyst for the players and their development.
3. The Junior Nationals was once again held in Bloemfontein from 29th March to 1st April 2026. We sent 6 teams to the tournament, and they all did Western Province proud even if they only came home with one medal this year. Our Under 15 team finished 5th in their section and grew as a team. We had three under 18 teams all were competitive with the A team getting a bronze medal and the B and C teams both ending 5th in their sections. Our under 25 teams both reached the last 8 having toughed it out in the sectional play. Our accommodation was in a local school hostel, and it was a great place to stay.

Our junior players are doing well in Western Province competitions with Thando Mraji winning the WP Pairs with his dad earlier this year and he was also the silver medallist in the WP Invitational Masters. It is exciting to see the development of these junior players, and we invite many more to join us – if you know of juniors who would like to try out bowls they are most welcome to Pinelands on J-Squad Day once a month.

Thanks to all those who assisted in running juniors’ bowls through this year – you are all stars and I have not been able to do it without you all, especially this year.

Jenny Griffiths
Convenor

DISABLED BOWLERS

Executive Committee Liaison

Over the past few years most of the work for Disabled Bowlers has been done by the same 3 bowlers, Eddie van den Heiden (Physically Disabled Bowlers) and Graham Ward and Princess Schroeder (Visually Impaired Bowlers).

Due to my own ill health, I could not spend as much time with them as I wanted to but, in the time, I had with them I learnt a lot and got to appreciate just what great people and bowlers they are. They have different challenges, but it doesn’t stop them being competitive bowlers.

At the BSA Para Nationals, they brought home a multitude of medals (see page 58).

Unfortunately, Graham has moved to the Eden district and Eddie isn't able to stand on the DSC, so we are only left with 2 members, Sidney Africa and Princess Schroeder. We are appealing to anyone who is willing to assist (whether you are a disabled bowler or not) to please join this DSC.

Another unfortunate thing is that many bowlers do the Director's course for the VI bowlers, but few actually come down and assist them on a Saturday morning to play at Mowbray.

Another area that is lacking is coaching, the coaching DSC has not been approached to assist in the past, but now that they are aware of the need they will be assisting these bowlers.

There is a lot of talent out there.

Jonathan Cochrane
Executive Member

[District Standing Committee for Disabled Bowlers – Annual Report 2026](#)

Eddie van der Heiden (Convenor) - PIBSA

Graham Ward - VIBSA

Princess Schroeder - VIBSA

There are 60 WP disabled bowlers registered on the Bowls South Africa (BSA) database, as follows:

- 19 visually impaired with 19 directors (not all on database)
- 19 physically disabled and another 16 who still to be classified, some of whom are registered to Wheatfield and Kraaifontein (Corporate), who have not informed me of their inclusion.

We also have two qualified classifiers who are able to 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 Disability Nationals need to be full members of a bowling club and registered with Bowls SA.

Sixteen of the longstanding disabled bowlers coupled with 12 Directors played in the Disability Nationals which were held in the Eden district, from 11th to 19th April and did extremely well winning a total of 20 medals (see page 58).

Congratulations must also go to Princess Schroeder and Graham Ward who were selected to compete in the upcoming Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow from 23 July to 2 August.

We need to not rest on the achievements of those who have excelled and bring forth some of the up-and-coming bowlers who are not yet classified, and who are involved in the corporate leagues. We need to introduce new and existing disabled bowlers from those who are already playing in the WP Bowling District.

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

We also have a dedicated level 2 coach, Eddie van der Heiden (Bergvliet) who can aid those who become disabled to transition to bowls for the disabled and assist in advising them on wheelchairs and various aids. This will allow and support them to play competitively amongst abled-bodied bowlers.

Training & Development

- Director Training: Essential for VI bowlers; 2 successful courses completed, 3rd scheduled in Eden District (September)
- Funding: Training sponsored by Bowls SA using Lotto funds
- Support Transitioning Bowlers: Dedicated Level 2 Coach, (Eddie van der Heiden) available for assisting with accessibility equipment and integration into competitive play.

Disability Nationals

- The next Nationals will be held in the Eden District with Hartenbos BC being the headquarters. Let's hope we can get some new WP disabled bowlers to be eligible and enter the tournament.

Other Achievements

- ACCUMULO "Yellow" Squad Selections: The 4 WP bowlers were selected to train for internationals by Bowls SA in the "Yellow" squad camp sponsored by ACCUMULO (see page 60).
- WP Veterans Singles: Princess Schroeder, directed by Graham Ward, won a bronze medal in the WP Ladies Veteran Singles.

Call to Action

- Need for Outreach & Classification:
Appeal to clubs to notify the WP Bowls office of any unclassified or eligible disabled bowlers so that due process can proceed to classify and coach as may be necessary.

Eddie van der Heiden

Convenor

WP PLAYERS COMMITTEE

Executive Committee Liaison

The WP Players Standing Committee has provided valuable input on competition formats and post Inter Districts feedback, offering a different perspective from the managers reports received. I would like this feedback to continue going forward.

After reviewing the players' feedback, the Executive held detailed discussions and debate and identified several areas for improvement. These are being addressed, and we will continue seeking further improvements.

The committee has operated below capacity over the past year, and we encourage more players to get involved so that all perspectives are represented.

Tony Harland

WP Bowls President

District Standing Committee for WP Players – Annual Report 2026

Claire Cowan (Convenor)

Megan Ferreira

Nick Rusling

Inter Districts Performance

The 2025–2026 Inter Districts campaign delivered a respectable performance from Western Province and there were many positives to acknowledge. WP remained competitive across the various categories and demonstrated the depth of talent that exists within the district. However, despite these achievements, there is

a broadly held view amongst players that the overall results did not fully reflect the calibre of bowlers available to Western Province.

The expectations placed on the Inter District teams and squads were considerably higher than the actual outcomes achieved. While the performances cannot be regarded as disappointing, many players felt that several sides were capable of achieving stronger results and converting opportunities into additional medals. The general sentiment is not that the campaign was unsuccessful, but rather that the district may have underperformed relative to its potential.

As we move forward, it will be important to critically assess both the preparation and support structures surrounding the Inter District programme to determine where incremental improvements can be made. The goal should be to ensure that future results align more closely with the talent available within the district.

In addition, WP Bowls should work towards strengthening its youth training programme as part of the broader player development pathway. This should include a commitment to implementing recognised best-practice approaches in coaching, skills development, player support and progression, ensuring that young bowlers are developed in a structured, consistent and sustainable manner.

Fundraising and Team Support

A recurring concern raised by players throughout the season relates to fundraising activities associated with the various Inter District sides and squads.

The district is fortunate to enjoy strong support from players, families, friends, clubs and the wider bowls community. However, there appears to be growing pressure on the same supporter base as multiple fundraising events are scheduled within a relatively short period. This has resulted in supporters being asked to contribute repeatedly across numerous events, which inevitably dilutes attendance and financial return.

Consideration should be given to more collaborative fundraising initiatives in future. Joint fundraising events involving multiple squads or all Inter District teams could:

- Reduce the burden on supporters.
- Improve event attendance.
- Increase fundraising efficiency.
- Promote greater unity across the district.
- Create larger and more attractive events for sponsors and supporters.

The players believe there is merit in exploring a more coordinated fundraising approach for future seasons.

Selection Policy and Process

The district's selection policy continues to be one of the most discussed topics amongst players.

While there is general acceptance that selection is a challenging responsibility and that selectors are tasked with making difficult decisions, concerns remain around the interpretation and application of the current policy.

A commonly expressed view is that a number of "unwritten rules" appear to influence selection decisions.

Regardless of whether this perception is accurate, the existence of this sentiment highlights the need for greater transparency and consistency.

Players would benefit from:

- Clear communication regarding selection criteria.
- Consistent application of the published policy.
- Greater understanding of how subjective factors are considered.
- Ongoing engagement between selectors and players.

The objective should be to minimise uncertainty and ensure that all players have confidence that selections are being conducted according to the documented policy and agreed criteria.

It is also important that the Selection Policy is clearly directed by the WP Executive, with defined performance objectives set for each Inter District team and clear accountability placed on the selectors responsible for achieving those objectives. From a player perspective, Inter District representation should be aligned to the purpose of competitive provincial sport: to select the strongest possible combinations, perform to the highest standard, and compete for medals. While player development, inclusion and opportunity remain important within the broader district pathway, Inter District competition is ultimately a performance environment. The policy should therefore be applied in a way that supports the stated goals of the Executive and ensures that selection decisions are driven by team performance, medal potential and the best interests of Western Province Bowls.

Transparency remains a key requirement if the district wishes to reduce speculation and build trust in the selection process.

Player Feedback Initiative

One of the most positive developments during the season was the introduction of an anonymous player feedback process for Inter District participants.

The initiative provided players with a safe and constructive mechanism to share their experiences, observations and recommendations without fear of criticism or personal repercussions. The quality of the feedback received was thoughtful, balanced and valuable.

The process has already generated useful insights around:

- Inter District preparation
- Team dynamics
- Communication
- Selection processes
- Travel and accommodation arrangements
- General player experience

The introduction of this feedback mechanism represents a significant step towards creating a more player-centred environment and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

While the process was well implemented in its first year, there is an opportunity to further refine and formalise it for future seasons. Potential improvements may include:

- Standardised feedback categories
- Post-ID review meetings
- Annual trend reporting
- Feedback loops to communicate actions taken

The players strongly support the continuation of this initiative and encourage WP Bowls to build upon the excellent foundation established this season.

Looking Ahead

The 2025–2026 season demonstrated both the strengths and opportunities that exist within Western Province Bowls. The district continues to produce talented and committed players who are passionate about representing WP colours with pride.

Key focus areas for the coming season should include:

1. Improving Inter District performance to better align with player potential and expectations.
2. Investigating collaborative fundraising initiatives to maximise support and financial sustainability.
3. Enhancing transparency and consistency in the application of the Selection Policy.
4. Further developing the anonymous player feedback programme as a tool for continuous improvement.
5. Strengthening the youth training programme and striving to implement best-practice standards in coaching, development and player pathway support.

The players remain committed to supporting the growth and success of Western Province Bowls and look forward to working collaboratively with the Executive, Selectors and Management teams to build on the lessons learned during the 2025–2026 season.

Claire Cowan

Convenor

WESTERN PROVINCE BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS & COMPETITIONS

Competitions Portfolio – Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

Firstly, thank you to and congratulations Paulina Dockendorff on doing a wonderful job running all the district competitions very effectively for the season. Thank you also to Jenny Phillips leading the District Technical Officials Standing Committee. The two of you are superstars!

With the 2025/26 season all competitions done, I believe that we have had a reasonably successful year, which again included a number of changes to the calendar, as well as competition formats and conditions of play. Most notably the changes to the Flag and Muter calendar that saw us reverting back to Saturday play only, as well as the introduction of two matches held on the second Saturday at a central venue. This was received with good support and will be introduced as a general rule for all Flag and Muter Premier League games for 2026/27.

No further workshops were held about changes to the general competition formats and Conditions of Play, since no big changes are proposed. The biggest proposed change is to the Flag and Muter Premier league. For this, a number of senior players have been consulted and the proposal received widespread support. Listed below are a number of decisions taken by the Executive on Competitions and COPs. If there are major objections to these, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss.

We have received the calendar inputs from BSA and will incorporate these into the WPB calendar. We should be in a position to publish the WPB calendar before the end of July 2026, subject to no major changes to the BSA calendar.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the winners of WP and National Competitions (see all results on pages 45-60). I would especially like to highlight the following standout performances:

- BSA Masters: Elma (Mo) Louw winning GOLD in the Ladies' Open, Kevin Smith and Lydia Maritz winning SILVER in the Men's and Ladies' Veterans respectively, Armand Ascaray in the Men's Under 30s and Neil Burkett winning BRONZE in the Veterans;
- Inter District performances: Ladies' Veterans side won GOLD, the Men's B side won SILVER, and both the Ladies' Open and Ladies' B sides winning BRONZE medals;
- BSA Ladies' SA Open: Debbie Phillips winning SILVER in the Open Singles, as well as Taryn Bright and Colleen Marshall winning BRONZE in the Ladies Pairs;
- BSA Men's SA Open: Steve Woor winning BRONZE in the Veteran Singles;
- WP Club of the Year: Edgemead winning the Men's and Durbanville winning the Ladies' Club of the Year respectively. Overall, Durbanville won CLUB OF THE YEAR for the 2025/26 season;
- Our bowlers and their directors for their great performances at the BSA Disability Nationals.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN ON COP'S AND CALENDAR

1. With the exception of Premier Flag and Muter, the structure for all divisions will remain the same as for the 2025/26 season. The league will be played as one game per day on Saturdays starting at 14:00 and on a Home or Away basis;
2. The league season will start on 7 November 2026 with 5 Saturdays to 5 December. There will then be a break for the festive season and the league will continue from 9 January 2027;
3. For Flag and Muter Premier divisions only, all games will be played as "double headers" with two games per day (morning and afternoon) at one venue per Saturday. The top 5 clubs in the 2025/26 Premier division will each host one of these days, provided that they can make available 10 rinks for this day.

The Flag and Muter Premier division league will be completed on 5 December. A new format competition will be played by all clubs in Premier for the remainder of the league season;

4. For WP Trips and Pairs, we will revert to the international trend of playing two bowl trips and three bowl pairs. The WP Trips League will remain three bowl trips;
5. Time limits will be reviewed to allow more time, especially when only two game sessions are played on a day;
6. WPB is hosting the Men's SA Open (Nationals) from 1 to 9 May 2027;
7. Although it technically falls in the 2027/28 season, WPB is hosting the ALL CAPE in October 2027. Dates targeted are 4 to 10 October for the MEN, and 18 to 24 October for the LADIES;
8. Following on a high number of withdrawals from WP Competitions in the 2025/26 season, the existing policy on late withdrawals and "no shows", as well as the intent to issue fines were again published. Although some fines were issued, it gives me great pleasure to report that the number of withdrawals without valid reasons provided were reduced significantly;
9. The COPs for determining the winner of a section in round robin league play for all WP Competitions will be updated to cover the situation where two teams/sides ended on the same game points, with the same shot aggregate, the same shots for and against and thus the same shot percentage and have peeled the game between these two teams/sides. In this highly unlikely situation, if the weather and light conditions allow, the two teams/sides will play a one end sudden death tie breaker to determine the winner. If the score is equal after completion of the end, another end will be played until a winner is reached. If flood lights are available to make play possible, it should be used. If all players in a team/side are not available to play the tie breaker, this team will forfeit and their opponents will be declared the winners. In the event that it is not possible to play a tie breaker as described above, the winner of the last end between the two sides will be declared the winner. If the last end played between these teams was a "NO SHOT", the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin;
10. The COPs governing decisions to handle extreme heat conditions will be aligned with BSA COPs used at the Inter District and other BSA tournaments;

We are looking forward to the 2026/27 bowls season!

Nico Taljaard
Convenor

Entries Received

MEN		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Flag	Sides	72/7	69/7	105	99	-	84	82	83	70	73
Fours	Teams	62	67	73	-	-	68	80	84	84	93
Triples	Teams	96	-	109	-	113	112	125	116	118	116
Pairs	Teams	152	-	168	-	180	188	198	184	183	199
Singles Open	Players	124	-	125	136	122	125	134	142	147	151
Veterans	Players	84	-	90	78	90	78	99	108	96	114
Novices	Players	83	91	80	91	84	86	83	83	111	81
Open CoC	Players	25	27	30	-	28	31	27	27	26	27
Novice CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	20	21	24	22	24
Veteran CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Fives	Teams	45	45	63	61	71	-	-	-	55	60
Mid-Week	Teams	68	71	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WOMEN		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Muter	Sides	47/8	47/3	46	39	-	35	36	40	35	44
Fours	Teams	33	36	33	-	-	39	45	52	50	49
Triples	Teams	48	-	50	-	59	51	57	57	80	79
Pairs	Teams	68	-	71	-	84	95	85	85	96	99
Singles Open	Players	51	-	49	54	55	58	63	59	71	67
Veterans	Players	37	-	34	44	42	34	44	44	44	56
Novices	Players	27	47	46	53	39	41	41	61	63	57
Open CoC	Players	25	23	25	-	28	24	28	27	27	28
Novice CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	16	17	19	20	21
Veteran CoC	Players	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Sully	Teams	50	45	42	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fives	Teams	41	32	36	40	40	-	-	-	32	38
Mid-week	Teams	28	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MIXED		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Mixed Pairs	Teams	158	184	176	184	184	204	227	227	224	224
Trips League	Teams	12	17	20	23	-	26	30	29	54	55
Midweek	Teams	-	-	-	66	73	61	56	53	48	44
Fives	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	111	100	95	-	-
Power Trips	Teams	-	-	-	-	84	64	52	-	-	-
PRO-10	Teams	-	-	-	-	-	34	39	-	104	100

Competition Results

Flag

Premier	Winners	Glen CC
	Runners-Up	Edgemead
Division 1	Winners	WPCC
	Runners-Up	Durbanville
Division 2	Winners	Goodwood
	Runners-Up	Sunningdale
Division 3	Winners	Old Oak
	Runners-Up	Durbanville
Division 4	Winners	Bergvliet
	Runners-Up	Helderberg

Muter

Premier	Winners	WPCC
	Runners-Up	Edgemead
Division 1	Winners	Gordon's Bay
	Runners-Up	Glen CC
Division 2	Winners	Fish Hoek
	Runners-Up	Sunningdale
Division 3	Winners	Durbanville
	Runners-Up	Old Oak
Division 4	Winners	Old Oak
	Runners-Up	WPCC

Trips League

Premier	Winners	Kuils River
	Runners-Up	Stellenbosch
Division 1	Winners	Durbanville
	Runners-Up	Fresnaye
Division 2	Winners	Old Oak
	Runners-Up	Helderberg
Division 3	Winners	Durbanville
	Runners-Up	Plumstead

Division 4	Winners	Old Oak
	Runners-Up	Fresnaye
Division 5	Winners	Plumstead
	Runners-Up	Strand
Division 6	Winners	Durbanville
	Runners-Up	Parow

Midweek

Winners	Johnny de Sousa Mac Mukuddem	Les Bradley	Kobus du Toit	Goodwood
Runners-Up	Bruno Mercorio Joseph Jordaan	Iekraam Samaai	Peter Harris	Mowbray
Semi-Finalists	Andries Hougaard George van Alphen	Corrie Pieterse	Joey Calvert	Pollsmoor
	Peter Bryant Colleen Bryant	Nic Cambitzis	Jose Hilario	WPCC

Fours

Men

Winners	Stefan Koen Miles Norman	Nico Taljaard	Jacques du Preez	Somerset West
Runners-Up	Peter Harvey Luke Ellis	Steve Vaughan	Daniel Vaughan	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	Trevor Macaskill Johan Bruwer	Corné Naude	Steve Woor	Durbanville
	Tony van der Poel Dean Keyser	Theo van der Walt	Paul Merritt	Edgemoor

Women

Winners	Elma (Mo) Louw Colleen Bryant	Wendy Adams Claire Cowan	Jenny Wade	Mowbray
Runners-Up	Natalie Kronk Melanie Spammer	Liz Cape	Yvonne James	Plumstead

Semi-Finalists	E van der Westhuyzen Petro Pretorius	Cheryl Downinig	Verna Grange	Old Oak
	Noleen Cockerill Puleng Mraji	Elsabe Snyman	Julia Williams	Bellville

Fives

Men

Winners	Ferdi Alves Nick Rusling	Ryan Truter Tory Sabatti	Paul Merritt	Edgemead
Runners-Up	Tony van der Poel Armand Ascaray	Theo van der Walt Raysford Cruywagen	Dean Keyser	Edgemead
Semi-Finalists	André Robbertse Kevin Campbell	Wikus van Niekerk Gerhardt van Niekerk	Luke Ellis	Glen CC
	Charl du Plooy Joos Taljaard	George Hill Carl Witten	Petrus van Antwerpen	Edgemead

Women

Winners	Maggie van Zyl Anneke Buys	Karen van Noort Debbie Phillips	Angie de Wet	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Gillian Pitcher Lydia Maritz	Maria Orsmond Noeleen Hogan	Cecilia Gordon	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Ronel Pietersen Darryl Edwards	Barbara Rous Linda Clark	Karen Trengrove	Constantia
	Amea Beck Cheryl Downng	Lorinda Theron Leanne Anderson	Janet Beck	Old Oak

Mixed Pairs

Winners	Tyler Pitcher	Gillian Pitcher	Durbanville
Runners-Up	Lydia Maritz	Jaco van Tonder	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Bräsler van Schoor	Angie de Wet	Durbanville
	Claire Cowan	Warren Hewitt	WPCC

Pairs

Men

Winners	Thando Mraji	Alfred Mraji	Bellville
Runners-Up	Bräsler van Schoor	Adré Barnard	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Johnny de Sousa	David van der Walt	Goodwood
	Tyler Pitcher	Jason Butler	Durbanville

Ladies

Winners	Taryn Bright	Colleen Marshall	Gordon's Bay
Runners-Up	Lydia Maritz	Noeleen Hogan	Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Barbara Taylor	Sylvia Burns	Mowbray
	Estelle Ferreira	Tessa Sanders	Glen CC

Pro-10 Pairs

Winners	Armand Ascaray	Raysford Cruywagen	Edgemoed
Runners-Up	Nina Painter	Marion Wasdell	Somerset West
Semi-Finalists	Nico Taljaard	Leonie Taljaard	Somerset West
	Marcelle de Jongh	Andre de Jongh	Mowbray

Trips

Men

Winners	Nick Rusling	Tory Sabatti	Jeff Murray	Edgemoed
Runners-Up	Armand Ascaray	Ryan Truter	Raysford Cruywagen	Edgemoed
Semi-Finalists	Stefan Koen	Nico Taljaard	Miles Norman	Somerset West
	Derrick Botes	Trevor Rodney	Mario Afonso	Edgemoed

Ladies

Winners	Elma (Mo) Louw	Claire Cowan	Colleen Bryant	Goodwood
Runners-Up	Ronel Pietersen	Jenny Wade	Karen Trengrove	Constantia
Semi-Finalists	Maggie van Zyl	Brittany Clarke	Debbie Phillips	Durbanville
	Christien Kenny	Cheryl Downing	Delene de Villiers	Old Oak

Singles

OPEN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Peter Harvey Constantia	Anneke Scheepers Goodwood
Runners-Up	Nick Rusling Edgemean	Michelle Reynolds WPCC
Semi-Finalists	Louis Botha Old Oak	Debbie Phillips Durbanville
	Francois Klopper Durbanville	Maggie van Zyl Durbanville

VETERAN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Etienne Malherbe Durbanville	Lydia Maritz Durbanville
Runners-Up	Gert Nieuwenhuys Somerset West	Denise Kidd Edgemean
Semi-Finalists	Wally Brown Old Oak	Elsa van der Westhuyzen Old Oak
	Michael Hutton Edgemean	Barbara Taylor Mowbray

NOVICE	Men	Ladies
Winners	Jan Kleynhans Somerset West	Annie Kloppers Stellenbosch
Runners-Up	Thys van Tonder Bellville	Annemie le Roux Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Neil Bradley Constantia	Anna Herbert Old Oak
	Rob Vaughan Bergvliet	Bettina Seewer WPCC

Masters

OPEN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Kevin Douglas Durbanville	Anneke Scheepers Goodwood
Runners-Up	Miles Norman Somerset-West	Claire Cowan Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	Nick Rusling Edgemean	Michelle Reynolds WPCC
	Francois Klopper Durbanville	Elma (Mo) Louw Mowbray

VETERAN	Men	Ladies
Winners	Kevin Smith Durbanville	Lydia Maritz Durbanville
Runners-Up	Carl Marshall Constantia	Liz Cape Bergvliet
Semi-Finalists	Etienne Malherbe Durbanville	Linda Kronstrom Bellville
	Wally Brown Old Oak	Denise Kidd Edgemean

INVITATIONAL	Men	Ladies
Winners	Ruan Stone Sunningdale	Donna McConnell Edgemean
Runners-Up	Thando Mraji Bellville	Janet Bradbury Edgemean
Semi-Finalists	Nic Cambitzis WPCC	Brittany Clarke Durbanville
	Brett van Eyssen Constantia	Dawn Blignaut Mowbray

Junior Masters

UNDER 35	Men	Ladies
Winners	Armand Ascaray Edgemean	Michelle Reynolds WPCC
Runners-Up	Luke Ellis Constantia	Gillian Young Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Tyler Pitcher Durbanville	Megan Redelinghuys Mowbray
	Ryan Truter Edgemean	Brittany Clarke Durbanville

UNDER 18	Men	Ladies
Winners	Thando Mraji Bellville	Jordané Castle Goodwood
Runners-Up	Matthys van Tonder Durbanville	Hannah Havenga Goodwood
Semi-Finalists	Andries Hougaard (Jnr) Pollsmoor	Anzel Benadé Strand

Open Champion of Champions

	Men	Ladies
Winners	Johnny de Sousa Goodwood	Michelle Britz Gordon's Bay
Runners-Up	Ruan Stone Sunningdale	Colleen Bryant WPCC
Semi-Finalists	Kevin Douglas Durbanville	Gillian Pitcher Durbanville
	Nick Rusling Edgemean	Aira Kloppe Helderberg

Veteran Champion of Champions

	Men	Ladies
Winners	Wally Brown Old Oak	Brenda Joubert Meadowridge
Runners-Up	Etienne Malherbe Durbanville	Tanya Allan Durbanville
Semi-Finalists	Craig Gething Edgemean	Margie Cochrane Pinelands
	Joey Calvert Pollsmoor	Carol Nash WPCC

Novice Champion of Champions

	Men	Ladies
Winners	Philip Kiddie Edgemead	Hannah Havenga Goodwood
Runners-Up	Luigi Biffi Sunningdale	Clare Cole Fish Hoek
Semi-Finalists	Ernst Venter Durbanville	Leanne Anderson Old Oak
	Roland van Zyl Pollsmoor	Michelle Laubscher Old Oak

John Edwards Men's Trophy

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 52.

Winners	Edgemead	52 points
Runners-up	Durbanville	48 points
Third	Goodwood	22 ½ points

Ladies Executive Trophy

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 53.

Winners	Durbanville	54 points
Runners-Up	Goodwood	34 ½ points
Third	Gordon's Bay	24 points

Club of the Year 2025 – 2026

The grid for this trophy is shown on page 54.

Winners	Durbanville	102 points
Runners-up	Edgemead	63 points
Third	Goodwood	57 points

Men's Log for John Edwards Trophy 2025 - 2026

	Flag				Championships					Singles						Total
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Fives	Fours	Triples	Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Open	Vets	Novices	Champ of Champs Open	Champ of Champs Vets	Champ of Champs Nov	
	12	12	12	12	14	20	20	20	10	20	20	20	16	16	16	
Bellville								8				4				12
Bergvliet												2				2
Constantia						5				9		2				16
Durbanville		4		4		2	1	6	7	4	11	1	2	4	2	48
Edgemead	4				12	2	14	1	1	4	2		2	2	8	52
Fish Hoek																
Fresnaye																
Glen CC	8				2			3		1						14
Goodwood			8			2	2	2	0.5				8			22.5
Gordon's Bay																
Helderberg																
Kelvin Grove																
Kraaifontein																
Kuils River												1				1
Malmesbury																
Meadowridge																
Milnerton																
Mowbray																
Oakdale																
Old Oak				8		1				2	2			8		21
Parow																
Pinelands																
Plumstead																
Pollsmoor												1		2	2	5
Somerset West						8	2		0.5		4	8				22.5
Stellenbosch																
Strand																
Sunningdale			4									1	4		4	13
Wheatfield											1					1
WPCC		8					1		1							10

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 - .5 - .5 - .5 - .5)
Fives	Total of 14 points	(6 - 4 - 2 - 2)

Ladies Log for Executive Trophy 2025 - 2026

	Muter				Championships					Singles						Total
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Fives	Fours	Triples	Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Open	Vets	Novices	Champ of Champs Open	Champ of Champs Vets	Champ of Champs Nov	
	12	12	12	12	14	16	20	20	10	20	16	20	16	16	16	
Bellville						2										2
Bergvliet							1									1
Constantia					2		4			1		1				8
Durbanville				8	10		2	4	7	5	8	4	2	4		54
Edgemean	4							1	1		4	1				11
Fish Hoek			8									1			4	13
Fresnaye																
Glen CC		4						2								6
Goodwood						8	9		0.5	9					8	34.5
Gordon's Bay		8						8					8			24
Helderberg													2			2
Kelvin Grove																
Kraaifontein																
Kuils River																
Malmesbury																
Meadowridge														8		8
Milnerton																
Mowbray							1	2			2					5
Oakdale															2	2
Old Oak				4	2	2	2				2	2			2	16
Parow												1				1
Pinelands														2		2
Plumstead						4	1	1								6
Pollsmoor								1								1
Somerset West									0.5	1						1.5
Stellenbosch												8				8
Strand																
Sunningdale			4													4
Wheatfield																
WPCC	8							1	1	4		2	4	2		22

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)

Combined Log for WP Bowls Club of the Year Trophy 2025 - 2026

	Flag and Muter				Championships					Singles						Total
	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Fives	Fours	Triples	Pairs	Mixed Pairs	Open	Vets	Novices	Champ of Champs Open	Champ of Champs Vets	Champ of Champs Nov	
	24	24	24	24	28	36	40	40	20	40	36	40	32	32	32	
Bellville						2		8				4				14
Bergvliet							1					2				3
Constantia					2	5	4			10		3				24
Durbanville		4		12	10	2	3	10	14	9	19	5	4	8	2	102
Edgemead	8				12	2	14	2	2	4	6	1	2	2	8	63
Fish Hoek			8									1			4	13
Fresnaye																
Glen CC	8	4			2			5		1						20
Goodwood			8			10	11	2	1	9			8		8	57
Gordon's Bay		8						8					8			24
Helderberg													2			2
Kelvin Grove																
Kraaifontein																
Kuils River												1				1
Malmesbury																
Meadowridge														8		8
Milnerton																
Mowbray							1	2			2					5
Oakdale															2	2
Old Oak				12	2	3	2			2	4	2		8	2	37
Parow												1				1
Pinelands														2		2
Plumstead						4	1	1								6
Pollsmoor								1				1		2	2	6
Somerset West						8	2		1	1	4	8				24
Stellenbosch												8				8
Strand																
Sunningdale			8									1	4		4	17
Wheatfield											1					1
WPCC	8	8					1	1	2	4		2	4	2		32

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND HONOURS

2026 World Bowls Indoor Championships

This tournament took place in Australia from 11 to 16 May 2026.

The South African representative was **Elma (Mo) Louw** from Goodwood.

2026 Commonwealth Games

This tournament takes place in Scotland in July 2026.

Princess Schroeder (Mowbray) and **Graham Ward** (Mowbray) have been selected to represent South Africa.

2027 International Blind Bowlers Association World Championships

This tournament will take place in Auckland, New Zealand from 13 to 19 January 2027.

Michelle Eshun (Mowbray) has been selected in the B2 category.

Princess Schroeder (Mowbray) and **Graham Ward** (Mowbray) have been selected in the B4 category.

World Bowls Para Committee

This is a newly established committee with World Bowls, and the following members are on the committee:

Owen James	Africa	Bowls South Africa
Graham Ward	IBBA (Vision Impaired)	Mowbray

NATIONAL COMPETITION AND HONOURS

Bowls SA National Standing Committees

The following members of WP Bowls were appointed as members of the various BSA National Standing Committees for 2026.

NSC Selectors – Men	Nick Rusling
NSC Greenkeepers	Nic Marais
NSC Selectors - Women	Trish Young
NSC Media and Membership	Anina Black
PD/VI	Graham Ward (VI)
NSC Transformation & Women in Sport	Fikile Vilakazi-Alberts
NSC Players Representative	Claire Cowan
NSC Disability	Graham Ward (Convenor)
NSC Coaches	Jenny Griffiths (Convenor)

Bowls South Africa - Masters Singles Championships

The tournament was hosted by Gauteng North at Wingate Park in Pretoria from 6 to 8 February 2026.

The following players from Western Province were selected to participate.

Elma (Mo) Louw	Goodwood	Ladies' Open Masters	Gold
Kevin Smith	Durbanville	Men's Veteran Masters	Silver
Lydia Maritz	Durbanville	Ladies' Veteran Masters	Silver
Armand Ascaray	Edgemoed	Men's Under 30 Masters	Bronze
Neil Burkett	Mowbray	Men's Veteran Masters	Bronze
Gillian Young	Durbanville	Ladies' Under 30 Masters	3rd Section 2
Anneke Scheepers	Goodwood	Ladies' Open Masters	4th Section 1
Maggie van Zyl	Durbanville	Ladies' Open Masters	5th Section 1

Bowls South Africa – Inter District Representation

Under 35 Inter-Districts

Hosted by Northern Cape Bowls from 20 to 23 September 2025.

Under 35 A			Under 35 B	
Skip	Armand Ascaray	Edgemoed	André Robbertse	Glen CC
Third	Ryan Truter	Edgemoed	Helio Andrade	Oakdale
Second	Daniel Vaughan	Constantia	Ernst Venter	Durbanville
Lead	Ruan Stone	Sunningdale	Tom Sgwiji	Plumstead

Under 35 C			Non-Travelling Reserves and Managers	
Skip	Brittany Clarke	Durbanville	Justin Brink	Kraaifontein
Third	Luke Ellis	Constantia	Michelle Reynolds	WPCC
Second	Francois Kloppe	Durbanville	Schalk Kotze (Manager)	Old Oak
Lead	Craig September	Kuils River	Paulina Dockendorff (Manager)	Plumstead

Open A Inter-Districts

Hosted by the Western Province Bowling Association from 9 to 13 March 2026.

The **Women** won **Bronze**.

Men			Manager – Schalk Kotze	
Skip	Armand Ascaray	Edgemoed	Kevin Douglas	Durbanville
Third	Nick Rusling	Edgemoed	Johnny de Sousa	Goodwood
Second	Ryan Truter	Edgemoed	Ferdi Alves	Goodwood
Lead	Zandré Herselman	Goodwood	David van der Walt	Constantia

Women	BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Trish Young	
Skip	Anneke Snyman	Goodwood	Maggie van Zyl	Durbanville
Third	Claire Cowan	Goodwood	Megan Ferreira	Goodwood
Second	Elma (Mo) Louw	Goodwood	Lydia Maritz	Durbanville
Lead	Ananda Kotzé	Goodwood	Debbie Phillips	Durbanville

Veteran Inter-Districts

Hosted by the Johannesburg Province Bowls Association from 9 to 13 March 2026.

The **Women** won **Gold**.

Men			Manager – Mark Gibbs	
Skip	Kevin Smith	Durbanville	Les Ryan	WPCC
Third	Nico Taljaard	Somerset-West	Raysford Cruywagen	Edgemead
Second	Wally Brown	Old Oak	Warren Hewitt	WPCC
Lead	Wilfred Hoyose	Glen CC	Carl Marshall	Constantia

Women	GOLD MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Nina Painter	
Skip	Thea Blatt	Somerset West	Anthea Ritchie	Edgemead
Third	Cheryl Downing	Old Oak	Natalie Kronk	Plumstead
Second	Linda Clark	Constantia	Ineke Spangenberg	Somerset West
Lead	Colleen Bryant	WPCC	Leonie Taljaard	Somerset West

Open B Inter-Districts

Hosted by the Ekurhuleni Bowling Association from 9 to 13 March 2026.

The **Men** won **Silver**.

The **Women** won **Bronze**.

Men	SILVER MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Graeme Elliott	
Skip	Nicky Crawford	Old Oak	Werner van Dewenter	Stellenbosch
Third	Helio Andrade	Oakdale	Louis Botha	Old Oak
Second	Daniel Vaughan	Constantia	Junaid Alcock	Glen CC
Lead	Ruan Stone	Sunningdale	Miles Norman	Somerset West

Women	BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS		Manager – Lynda Nurrish	
Skip	Marianna Kirsten	Plumstead	Ronel Pietersen	Constantia
Third	Anneke Buys	Durbanville	Fikile Vilakazi-Alberts	Goodwood
Second	Brittany Clarke	Durbanville	Jenny Wade	Mowbray
Lead	Michelle Corneilse	Plumstead	Angie de Wet	Durbanville

Bowls South Africa - Junior National Championships

The tournament was hosted by Southern Free State in Bloemfontein from 29 March to 31 March 2026.

Under 18

Bronze	WP A	William Neethling	Goodwood
		Thando Mraji	Bellville
		Jordané Castle	Goodwood
		Divan Joubert	Edgemead

Bowls South Africa - Men's SA Open Championships 2026

The tournament was hosted by Gauteng North from 16 to 24 May 2026.

Open Singles

Last 16	Kevin Campbell	Glen CC
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Veteran Singles

Semi Final	Steve Woor	Kraaifontein
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Fours

Last 16	Nick Rusling, Ferdi Alves, Tory Sabatti, Jeff Murray - Edgemead
Last 16	Kevin Campbell, Wilfred Hoyose, Guy Chicken, Junaid Alcock, Grant Rightford – Glen CC
Last 16	Glynn Fourie, Marius Ras, Jaco vd Merwe, Hein vd Heever - Goodwood

Pairs

Last 8	Kevin Campbell and Wilfred Hoyose – Glen CC
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Bowls South Africa - Women's SA Open Championships 2026

The tournament was hosted by Port Natal from 2 to 10 May 2026.

Open Singles

Silver	Debbie Phillips	Durbanville
Last 8	Donna McConnell	Edgemead
Last 16	Taryn Bright	Gordon's Bay
Last 16	Michelle Reynolds	WPCC

Veteran Singles

Last 8	Lydia Maritz	Durbanville
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Fours

Last 16	Anneke Scheepers & Megan Ferreira	Goodwood
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Pairs

Bronze	Taryn Bright & Colleen Marshall	Gordon's Bay/Constantia
Last 16	Maria Orsmond & Cecilia Gordon	Durbanville
Last 16	Fikile Vilakazi-Alberts & Michelle Reynolds	Goodwood/WPCC

Bowls South Africa – National Championship of Bowls for the Disabled

The tournament was held in Hartenbos, Eden from 11 to 18 April 2026.

B1 Men's Singles

Silver **Gamiet Fortune** (Mowbray)

B1 Mixed Pairs

Silver **Corrie Brits** (Mowbray) & **Brian Howell** (Mowbray)

B2 Mixed Pairs

Gold **Michelle Eshun** (Mowbray)

Silver **Thomas George** (Mowbray) & **Nicki de Villiers** (Mowbray)

B2 Mixed Singles

Bronze **Michelle Eshun** (Mowbray)

B3/B4 Mixed Pairs

Gold **Avril Davids** (Mowbray) & **Patrick McDuling** (Helderberg)

Silver **Princess Schroeder** (Mowbray) & **Graham Ward** (Mowbray) and **Gamiet Fortune** (Mowbray)

B3/B4 Ladies' Singles

Silver **Princess Schroeder** (Mowbray) & **Graham Ward** (Mowbray)

B3/B4 Men's Singles

Gold **Roy Peters** (Bellville) and **Sidney Africa** (Bellville)

Bronze **Abe Crouse** (Mowbray) and **Cynthia McDuling** (Helderberg)

B6-8 Ladies' Singles

Gold **Margie Palmer** (Helderberg)

B6-8 Ladies' Pairs

Gold **Margie Palmer** (Helderberg)

Bowls SA – Green Squad

The following players were selected for the BSA Green Squad to attend a camp at The Nest, Drakensberg from 8-12 April 2026.

Women

Claire Cowan Goodwood
Elma (Mo) Louw Goodwood

Men

Armand Ascaray Edgemoed

Bowls SA – Accumulo – Yellow (PD/VI) Squad

The following players were selected for the Accumulo – Yellow (PD/VI) Squad to attend a camp in Hartenbos from 19-22 April 2026.

PD Women

Margie Palmer B8 Helderberg

VI Men

Roy Peters B4 Bellville
Corrie Britz B2 Mowbray
Abe Crouse B3 Mowbray

VI Women

Avril Davids B3 Mowbray
Michelle Eshun B2 Mowbray

Bowls South Africa - Mixed Pairs Championships

The tournament will be hosted by Nelspruit, Mpumalanga from 20 to 23 August 2026.

Western Province Bowls will be represented by **Tyler Pitcher** and **Gillian Pitcher** (Durbanville).

REGIONAL COMPETITION AND HONOURS

Cape Town Sport Council Awards 2025

It is with great pride that the WP Bowls Executive and Administration, on behalf of the bowling community, congratulate the following nominees who received awards and well-deserved recognition:

Roll of Honour Award (for athletes who inspired but are no longer with us)

Randall (Jacko) van Graan (Late), Meadowridge BC

This posthumous recognition award was received by Jacko's wife, Heather, and his son, Ryan.

Lifetime Achievement Award (for athletes that gave extraordinary service to the sport for over 30 years)

Kevin Campbell Glen CC

Trish Young WPCC

Sportswoman of the Year with a Disability - Finalist

Margie Palmer Helderberg

Western Cape Envar Buys Junior Tournament

This tournament was held at Franskraal on 4 – 5 October 2025.

U15 A: GOLD (defending their title)

Thando Mraji Bellville

Wilmiem Smuts Strand

Divan Laubscher Kraaifontein

Matthys van Tonder Durbanville

Manager:

Marianna Kirsten Plumstead

U18 B: GOLD

Werner Langenhoven Kraaifontein

Dylan Bentley Edgemead

Anzel Benadé Strand

Gavin (Siviwe) Matomane Helderberg

Travelling Reserve:

Marco Stenekamp Strand

Manager:

Anton Niemand Oakdale

U18A: BRONZE

William Neethling Goodwood

Divan Joubert Goodwood

Jordané Castle Goodwood

Hannah Havenga Goodwood

Manager:

Andries Hougaard Pollsmoor

Western Cape Province Bowls Association – Singles Tournament

This tournament was held in Eden on 11-12 October 2025.

Men - Open

Silver	Bräsler van Schoor	Durbanville
Bronze	Armand Ascaray	Edgemead

Women - Open

Silver	Megan Ferreira	Goodwood
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Women - Veteran

Silver	Colleen Bryant	WPCC
Bronze	Lydia Maritz	Durbanville

Men – Veteran

Silver	Kevin Smith	Durbanville
Bronze	Carl Marshall	Constantia

Personal Trust All Cape Tournament

Women

The Women's tournament was hosted by Port Elizabeth from 16 to 23 May 2026.

Cup	Bronze	Lydia Maritz, Cecilia Gordon, Judy van der Merwe, Noeleen Hogan Durbanville
Plate	Bronze	Jaye Mendelsohn, Estelle Ferreira, Marie Knoetze, Brenda Joubert Glen CC
	Last 8	Anthea Ritchie, Donna McConnell, Angelika Gain, Linda Besener Edgemead
	Last 8	Kim Kiely, Maria Orsmond, Diane Kotze, Mabel Ciolli Durbanville
Bowl	Gold	Taryn Bright, Barbara Taylor, Shahn van Huyssteen, Colleen Marshall Gordon's Bay

Men

The Men's tournament was hosted by Port Eliabeth from 16 to 23 May 2026.

Cup	Last 8	Stefan Koen, Nico Taljaard, Beyers Herbst, Miles Norman Somerset West
Plate	Bronze	Andy Long, Carl de Stadler, David King, Rueon Scott Meadowridge

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