

PORT NATAL NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Dear Bowlers

We hope this newsletter finds you all ready for the Midweek League and Trips events scheduled to start this week and raring to go as far as the Inter Club League is concerned. Also please remember that the Mixed Pairs (commonly called the Oppenheimer or Agony Pairs) entries close on the 24th March 2010.

The idea of this newsletter is that Clubs within the District can use it for letting others know what they are doing and for us at the Port Natal Bowls Office to pass on information we think might be of interest to you.

Therefore - we are looking to our Clubs for participation and would ask that you let us have articles you wish to include. The only limitation we have to impose is that we cannot reproduce posters or diaries or happenings which are already advertised in the PNB Bowlers Diary - but we are more than happy to advertise special events.

GREENKEEPERS' TOURNAMENT

Recently Pat Kempson, Convener of the Greens Standing Committee, organised the Greenkeepers' Tournament. This was a great success and really enjoyed by all participants. Thanks must go to all those who helped with prizes, refreshments and the general organisation AND especially to Pat for all her hard work.

The spider was won by Thembisa of Chiltern Park and he proudly took back to his Club a weedeater and Citizen of DHSOB was the runner-up and he won a new windsock for his Club.

The overall winners of the competition were Durban with Wentworth and DHSOB coming second and third respectively.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Whilst cleaning out some files at the office, we came across a list of starting dates of Clubs – and so this year we wish the following Clubs -

Durban Collegians	Happy 30 th
Durban Crusaders	Happy 45 th
Stella Sports	Happy 50 th
Sherwood	Happy 65 th
Umbogintwini	Happy 75 th
Stamford Hill	Happy 80 th
Stella Park	Happy 80 th

May you all keep your flags flying and continue to grow in the true spirit of the game we all love.

WINNERS OF RAFFLE

RDLI recently held a fundraising raffle – the draw took place at the Club on the 28th February 2010 and the winner was Rob Dudley (Sheet A No. 27). Grateful thanks go to all those who participated and to Perfect Delivery for donating the prize of a super Bowls bag.

CONGRATULATIONS ON SELECTION

We are extremely proud to announce that Helen Grundlingh and Reagan Jacobus have been selected to represent South Africa in the Eight Nations Tournament which is due to take place in Delhi, India from the 4th to the 11th April 2010. Well done to both of you – travel well, play well, but most of all enjoy!!

VERY WELL DONE-----

Our Ladies Inter-district B Side playing in Port Elizabeth with Joyce Howard as their manager – won Gold!!!
The Women's Open A side and the Men's B side won bronze.

We thank all the players who took part in the Inter Districts for their contribution to keeping Port Natal Bowls up there.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

21 March -- Gillitts Bowling Club will be holding an open day for new bowlers or those wanting to return to the fold
Contact 031 767 5740 or 031 7674230

28 March -- The quarters (men), semis and finals of the Ladies and Mens trips will be held at Northlands Bowling Club.
This will be an all-day event starting at 09h00.

RESULTS

Winners of the Mathie Bros monthly Men's trips played at Gillitts in February, were won by Lynton Harrison, Chris Basson and Andre Westerhoff.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bowls SA have declared –

You can smoke, use alcohol and your cell phone at venues – provided you are not within 2 m. of the green (PNB President – we would rather you did not!)

Hand-held umbrellas may be used on the banks BUT not on the green.

With the Men's Nationals starting pretty soon – just maybe your team would like to play in tailored shorts (kneelength) and with short socks (predominantly white). Long Golf stockings are out. The only stipulation is all members of the team have to be attired the same. (This was passed at a recent BSA Council meeting)

WHAT SHALL WE CALL IT?

We have been thinking long and hard for a name of this newsletter – any ideas would be more than welcome!

See you on the Greens!