



# Keep It Rolling



**March 2020 Edition**

## Work Party

With the **All Cape Tournament** just around the corner we need to get a work party together to spruce up the mats, jacks, scoreboards, gardens and surrounds.

Anyone who can help on

**Thursday the 26th March from 10.00 am to approx. 13.00,**

please let Gavin know so he can put your name on the work party list. The old “saying” – many hands make light work, so if we can get as many members to help, the quicker the work will be done.

Many thanks,  
The Committee



Grant Rightford has set up and agreed to manage (work commitments permitting) our Bowls Club Facebook page - see "WPCC Bowls Club".

Thank you Grant!

## WESTERN PROVINCE COMPETITIONS

In the WP Mixed Pairs, **Don Craye and Rita Himschoot** brought home the **Bronze medal**.  
Well done.

## NATIONAL NEWS

The **South African Masters** was held in Gauteng on the weekend of the 8th and 9th February. We were well represented by **Anneke Snyman, Gillian Young and Scott Fraser**.  
Congratulations to **Anneke** who won the **Silver medal**.  
And as a result of her performance at the Masters, **Gillian** has been selected to the **SA Gold Squad**.

The Protea's team for the **World Bowls Championships** in Australia during May and June has been announced and **Anneke Snyman** will be skipping the **Ladies Fours & Trips teams**, and **Neil Burkett** has been appointed the **Manager of the SA side**.  
Congratulations all round.



## The WPCG greens – a status report as at 1 March 2020

Our last update on the status of the WPCG bowls green was issued late in November 2019 when we were preparing for the long season ahead. This season will culminate with the All Cape in April and the Men's Nationals in May. Our planning and operations aimed at getting at least two (and hopefully three greens) in top condition for the Muter/Flag season as well as for the hosting of the All Cape and Nationals tournaments in April and May 2020. The greens plan made provision for scheduled spring treatments of the A- and D-greens, as well as care and maintenance of the other two greens.

However, things had to change because the B-green needed more time and effort to be restored to one of our prime greens. The current status and plans with regards to our four greens are:

- **The A-green** received a treatment in November 2019 and responded very well. Muter/Flag and Club matches were played on it since the start of the year. It is now in very good condition but will need continued TLC to be in top condition for the tournaments in April and May. This means we need to rotate and limit play on it - and take care of the mat that is thickening from the growth and mowing.
- **The B-green** has been our priority and drew more attention and effort than the other three greens together. This included several specialist investigations, aggressive treatment, removal of foreign grass and replanting. Unfortunately, it has responded slower than we had hoped and we will still need to nurse it along for a few more weeks before preparing and opening it up to be played on.

- **The C-green**, the stalwart in our stable, has again served us well. We played many league and WP games on it - and receive positive feedback from club and visiting players. It is still in a great condition and, with good care and maintenance, will continue to be so for the upcoming tournaments.
- **The D-green** was to receive a treatment at the end of last year, but this was halted to accommodate the work needed on the B-green. So this became our sacrificial green and received maintenance only to achieve minimal standards need for club games. There are still some patches that have poor growth and some bumpy spots which makes it sub-optimal but still playable. However, its renovation will be the priority when we prepare for the next season later in the year.

So, with the league and WP games coming to an end we will focus on preparing our club green and facilities for hosting the headquarters of the All Cape and Men's National. This will need some specific actions and interventions on our part - **so please check the Greens Board carefully and play only on the nominated greens (and directions)** indicated. Players who practice frequently must also please vary their choice of greens and more importantly vary their choice of rinks to allow the grass to recover.

*Peter and Nic*

## 2020 Event Dates

- Sun 29 March – Sat 4 April 2020, Men's & Ladies' **2020 All Cape** (Headquarters WPCC).
- Sat 9 – Sun 17 May 2020, **2020 Men's Nationals** (Headquarters WPCC).

### Birthdays in March

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| 3rd  | Anna Marie Spiers  |
| 7th  | Margie Marx  |
| 10th | Golda Sher   |
| 11th | Greg Nasson  |
| 12th | Nic Marais, Clyde Rix                                    |
| 15th | Alan Bennett   |
| 16th | Alan Barratt, Neil Burkett, Paul Malherbe, Keith Boshard |
| 20th | Brian Silks  |
| 22nd | John Bowers  |
| 27th | Mike Veary, Andy Ismay                                   |
| 28th | Alan Phillips  |

Until next time

Please join the Work  
Party

*Gerrard*



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