

# THE SHORT END

(OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SOMERSET WEST BOWLS CLUB)

“THE BOWLS CLUB OF CHOICE”

## INTRODUCTION

The spoken word of the past few months has been that South Africa has been captured by a few money and power hungry individuals, aided and abetted by our past (had to change from original draft) President. Much has been written about the various scenarios that are playing themselves out, but have you ever considered that the “Bowls Club of Choice” could be captured by an individual/s?

Is it possible in a bowls club for an individual/s to influence selection without being a selector?

If the answer is yes, then are the selectors not captured?

Are selectors elected in a democratic manner to serve the members to the best of their ability, **but always placing the CLUB first, above their own desires!** If your answer is yes, then all members should leave them alone to get on with their duties and players (particularly senior players) should not interfere with their decisions.

Jade Townsend (famous US poet) once said: “Ego – **something which enables people to bear living with themselves**”

## SNIPPETS FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING (EXCO AND MANAGEMENT COMBINED)

- Spine reported that C-green had still not knitted as was hoped in the past month but limited play will still be allowed, Members must take note that the rehabilitation of the green will still take a couple of months
- Peter reported that there are still some members who had not paid their subs, even though they were participating in club competitions. These members will be addressed accordingly.
- The committee noted that the vacant ladies selector position had been filled by Vera van Wyk. The men’s vacant position will be advertised (see paragraph in newsletter). The committee noted that Allan Nell had stepped down as captain of the men’s first team. Paddy McDuling had taken over from Neil Watson as captain of the men’s second side and would thus join the selection committee.
- Quotes had been received for the building of a ramp between B and C greens. The committee will evaluate and make a decision on whether to proceed or not. The step outside the kitchen will also be receiving attention.
- It was noted that the Sally Pooke day clashed with a major Country Club event, which uses the bowls facilities. The alternate date, unfortunately, clashed with a town clubs all day, resulting with teams withdrawing from our event. Watch the notice board.

## DISTURBING BEHAVIOUR

It is sad to report that behaviour of certain of our members on the greens has not met the standards that most members desire. It is a trend that must be nipped in the bud and not allowed to continue, particular when the hosts complain. This phenomenon is not confined only to our Club but even raises its head in Western Province competitions. Your committee will not hesitate to take action against any club member or visiting player that tarnishes the image of the Club and will act swiftly upon receipt of any **written** complaint.

**DO NOT SPOIL IT FOR OTHERS BY YOUR ATTITUDE ON THE GREEN!**

## **UP-COMING SPONSORED DAYS**

Personal Trust Sally Pooke Day      Watch the notice board  
Personal Trust Half-Day Tabs      Tuesday, 1 May 2018 (followed by braai – Club will supply salads & bread)  
Warwick Wealth – members only      Sunday, 13 May 2018  
Warwick Wealth Champagne Breakfast – members only      Sunday, 15 July 2018

## **CLUB COMPETITIONS**

It is essential that all players meet the play-by dates. This will allow your fellow members to also stay up to date with their matches.

## **J LEAGUE**

The second round must be completed by the end of February. See the “new” rules introduced by Peter to ensure that everyone meets their deadlines.

## **JOKER DRAW**

Let your committee know when you believe that the highly successful event should re-commence.

## **WHATSAPP GROUPS**

Your committee thanks all those members that are abiding by the messaging rules – this keeps the messaging simple and to the point. Remember that personal names are to be used for your contact. No business or nick names to be used

## **MEN’S SELECTORS**

Currently, there is a vacancy on the selection committee. Any fully paid up male member of the Club may put their name forward or you may propose another member. Please bear in mind, that if you are proposing another member that you receive their consent first. Nominations in writing to Elaine Sneller ([snellerelaine@gmail.com](mailto:snellerelaine@gmail.com)) or handed to Elaine personally. The Executive Committee will scrutinise all nominations and make a decision. Those members who sent in nominations in the first week of January 2018, thank you and you can re-submit, if you so wish.

**CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018**

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Harriet is at it again – are you an Elvis fan and missed the last occasion when South Africa’s number one Elvis impersonator performed? Well Elvis is alive and well and will be visiting the Club in the near future. Booking will be essential, as the Club will only be able to accommodate 80 people for this dinner, song and dance extravaganza. Watch the notice board and your WhatsApp messages.

A big thank you to Gavin for giving us some music last Friday, always enjoyable.

## **GENERAL**

An appeal is made by the Greenkeeper to those members that have “trolley” bowls bags, to please not wheel them on the green but place them on the bank first before you proceed onto the green.

Members that volunteer for tabs duty, must remember that it is part of their duty to place the individual tabs back on the respective boards.

Please note that all club correspondence should be addressed to the Club Secretary at:-  
**snellerelaine@gmail.com**

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