



ROTARY GRIQUA

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HISTORY OF LAWN BOWLS

Historians believe that the game developed from the Egyptians. One of their pastimes was to play skittles with round stones. This has been determined based on artefacts found in tombs dating to 5,000 B.C. The sport spread across the world and took a variety of forms, Bocce (Italian), Bolla (Saxon), Bolle (Danish), Boules (French) and Ula Miaka (Polynesian). The sport of lawn bowls is also the forerunner of curling, a tremendously popular winter version played in northern countries on ice. The oldest lawn bowls site still played on is in Southampton, England. Records show that the green has been in operation since 1299 A.D.

Early bowls were made of dense hardwoods, such as lignum vitae. It's believed that the "bias" was introduced inadvertently in 1522 by the Duke of Suffolk. Apparently, his bowl split after striking other bowls and he took a knob off of a stairway banister post for a replacement. The flat side of the knob caused it to roll with a bias and he experimented by curving his bowl around others. The word spread and biased bowls gradually came into use.

Certainly, the most famous story in lawn bowls involves Sir Francis Drake. On 19 July 1588, Drake was involved in a game at Plymouth when he was notified that the Spanish Armada had been sighted. His response was, "There is plenty of time to win the game and thrash the Spaniards too." He then proceeded to finish his match and the British Navy soundly defeated the Armada. (*There is a lot of controversy as to whether this event actually took place*).

Henry VIII was also a lawn bowler. However, he banned the game for those who were not wealthy, because "Bowyers, Fletchers, Stringers and Arrowhead makers" were spending more time at recreational events such as bowls instead of practicing their trade. King James I issued a publication called "The Book of Sports" and, although he condemned football (soccer) and golf, he encouraged the playing of bowls.

English and Scottish colonists took the game to America. There was a bowling green in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1632 and many states have towns named "Bowling Green" due to the early settlers' interest in the sport. Even George Washington laid out a green at Mount Vernon in 1732.

As with golf, the game of Bowls is woven into the history of the Scots. Following a meeting in Glasgow in 1848, attended by about two hundred players from various clubs (all with different rules for playing the game), W.W. Mitchell of Glasgow drew up a "Uniform Code of Laws". This remains the basis of the modern rule book.

In 1892, the Scottish Bowling Association was formed and the following year it drew up rules or Laws based on Mitchell's Code and also published a Code of Ethics. In 1903, the English Bowling Association was formed, the first President being Dr W.G. Grace, who is much more acclaimed and remembered for his fame as a cricketer.

Sol Plaatje Bowls Business League

Our Club will be represented in the 2019 Sol Plaatje Bowls Business League by Corlia & Dries v. Tonder and Maryna & Peter Thomas. The league will be played at the Sol Plaatje Bowls Club (cnr Schmidtsdrift & Anderson Rd) on 20 & 27 Feb, 6 & 20 March and 3 April. Rotarians are urged to visit the Club on those evenings (from about 6.00pm) to support the team. The event is an initiative to introduce the game of bowls to non-players.

ROTARY CLUB OF KIMBERLEY

2018-2019

Chartered 20 August 1951

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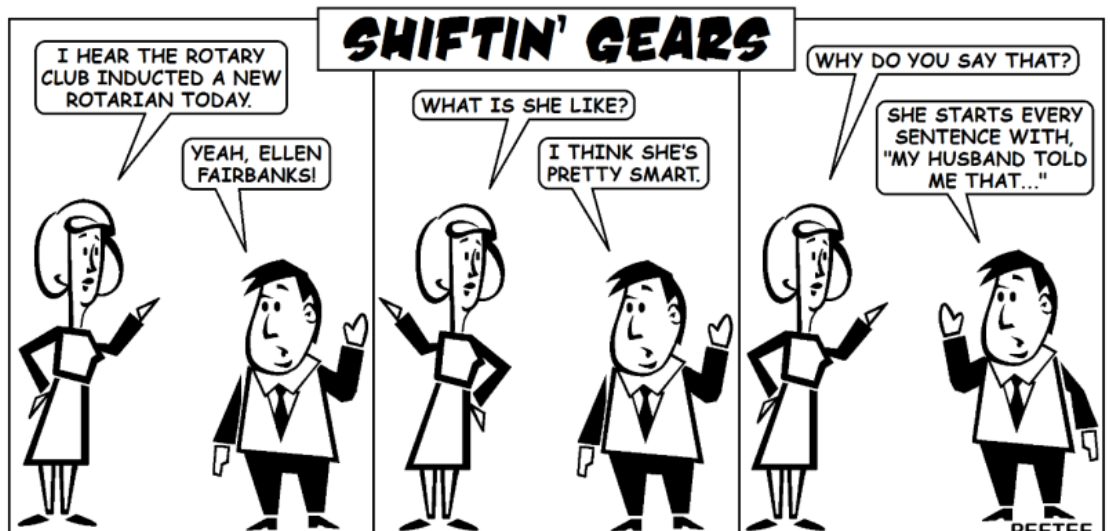
Kimberley Club

Mondays 12:45 for 13:00

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CALENDAR & DUTIES

FEBRUARY

Peace and Conflict

Prevention/Resolution Month

18 Feb: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

25 Feb: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things"

Albert Einstein

DUTIES

If you are unable to do a duty, please make arrangements for a substitute.

WEEK OF 18 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Brenda Booth

CORPORAL: Brenda Booth (for Barry Downs)

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Peter Thomas

WEEK OF 25 FEBRUARY

FELLOWSHIP: Board Meeting – No Duty

CORPORAL: Board Meeting – No Duty

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Barry Downs

WEEK OF 4 MARCH

FELLOWSHIP: Barry Downs

CORPORAL: Colleen Fairweather

TUES COFFEE CLUB: Corlia van Tonder

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MARCH

Water and Sanitation Month

4 Mar: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

11 Mar: Business Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

18 Mar: Social Meeting 12:45 for 13:00

25 Mar: BOARD MEETING 12:45 for 13:00

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

17 Feb Brenda Booth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09 Mar Charles & Marie Parsons (Honorary)

26 Mar Peter & Amanda Van Zyl

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

24 Feb 2014 Colleen Fairweather

COFFEE CLUB BIRTHDAYS

26 Feb Rob Hollings

28 Feb Sam Goldblatt

27 Mar Keith Diener

28 Mar George Lodder

31 Mar Charles Burton.



LAST LAUGH



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"She tries to watch what she eats but her eyes aren't quick enough."