



ZURICH BOWLS SOUTH AFRICA WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 NEWSLETTER

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I have pleasure in announcing the Tournament Committee, namely:

- Mona Stacey (Chairperson), Francis Channer, Prieur du Plessis, Elbert Broere, Dawn Rowe, Johann Wingard, Monica Kok and Pine Pienaar

WEBSITE

Elbert Broere who is an IT specialist has designed a website which will enable all bowlers throughout the Republic of South Africa to gain access to all the relevant information pertaining to the Zurich Bowls South Africa Women's National Championships through the websites of Bowls South Africa and Bowls Gauteng North.

FORMAT

The playing format for 2008 will be the same as for 2007, i.e. teams of four participating in a singles, trips and fours discipline. A reserve may be nominated on the entry form or on the declaration form immediately prior to the commencement of the tournament.

The only change being that the points scored for winning a set have been reduced from two to one and the points for winning the game will be increased from four to five. This is to place more emphasis on winning the game overall, as there were several instances last year where a team never lost a game during sectional play, but did not win the section. All three sets must be completed in each game including the play-offs.

The detail of play and scoring are included in the conditions of play, which are available on the website along with the entry form.

ENTRIES

The process for entering the Zurich Bowls South Africa Women's National Championships will be different from previous years in that entries must be submitted direct to Elbert Broere by means of E-mail or fax and payment must be made direct into the Tournament Committee's bank account, thus relieving the District office of the task of co-ordinating their entries. Details will be on the entry forms and the process explained on the website. Entry forms are readily available with the closing date being **25th February 2008**. This will allow for the handbook to be printed and distributed approximately three weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. Elbert's E-mail address is compsec@bowlsqn.co.za. The entry fee namely R600,00 must be paid into Bowls Gauteng North's Nedbank **Account No 1604758481**, with Branch Code 160445 (Pretoria), quoting reference "Zurich LA/08" and the name of the team, please.

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Chairperson:	Mona Stacey
Tournament Secretary:	Francis Channer
Tournament Committee:	Pine Pienaar, Prieur du Plessis, Elbert Broere, Dawn Rowe, Johann Wingard, Monica Kok

HEADQUARTERS

Wingate Park Country Club has been selected as Headquarters for the tournament.

HOST CLUBS

Clubs hosting sectional play during the tournament will only be finalised after the entry closing date namely 25th February 2008.

Nominated officials of the Bowls South Africa Executive Committee in conjunction with the Tournament Committee will visit those Clubs with a view to meeting the following requirements:

- Two "C" graded greens (preferably C+ or B) with playing surface being the criteria;
- Suitable catering facilities;
- Sufficient secure parking;
- Licensed bar facilities;
- Competent Tournament Officials, Umpires and Markers for the singles. (Training sessions for the Clubs' Tournament Officials will be conducted and if required seminars for Umpires and Markers can also be arranged on request); and
- Telephone and facsimile communication facilities for the period of the tournament.

The Tournament Committee is enthusiastic about making the event a bigger success than last year's SA Nationals and look forward to receiving the support from Clubs and its members in achieving its goal.

MONA STACEY

CHAIRPERSON

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