

# GLEN BOWLS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## We are pleased to announce the new Glen digital links

New Website: : <https://www.glenclub.co.za/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GlenCountryClub/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/glencountryclub/>

The above information means that we have moved with the times and now

- 1) **WEBSITE:** We have a *new upgraded website* and all members are invited to browse to the site by simply clicking on <https://www.glenclub.co.za/>. We suggest that you familiarise yourselves with this site that incorporates all aspects of Glen Country Club.
- 2) **FACEBOOK:** We are now on *Facebook*, which is available on computer and/or mobile phone. Join in to receive and be able to add news and photos
  - A) Computer: Simply click on the link <https://www.facebook.com/GlenCountryClub/>
  - B) Mobile phone: Download the Facebook App (iPhone from App Store, Android from the Play Store) . Search for "Glen Country Club" and this should be visible in the search results. Simply click on it to receive updates.
- 3) **INSTAGRAM:** We are now on *Instagram which is a mobile phone app*. Please join and add your photos & information
  - a - Download the App (iPhone from App Store, Android from the Play Store)
  - b - Register
  - c - Search for: @glencountryclub
  - d - Follow @glencountryclub

**Interact with the world while having fun and keeping up to date!!**

# MUTER CUP 2<sup>nd</sup> DIVISION WINNERS

What a lovely result when our ladies' **Muter Team** won the 2<sup>nd</sup> division shield and will be promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> division next season.

Our selectors had a difficult time selecting the team and under the circumstances, did a good job.

When going through the final logs of all the divisions, it is wonderful to see that we excelled in nearly all parts.

Highest points scored:

67 out of a possible 77.

Best shots for scored:

315

Best shot difference:

129

2<sup>nd</sup> best shots against:

186

(Edgemead D 181)

This is a fantastic effort by all the team members and should give the team for next year a lot of confidence and bode well for our foray into the higher division.

Well done all and good bowling next season.

Let's see if we can replicate the results of this season in next year's competition.

*Riva Meyers*

Team Captain



## New-format bowls may see members become incensed

**MIKE DE BRUYN**

MEDDLING with a tried-and-tested formula is never a wise thing.

In lawn bowls the premier format is fours; four players per side armed with two bowls, contesting 21 ends.

But then came change.

From a Western Province point of view, Flag (men) and Muter (women) fours competitions have been played under different circumstances for the past few years.

The first tinkering saw teams battle it out over 18 ends (three-end tiebreaker in play if two skins were shared), then came a 20-end game with two 10-end skins on the line.

Members had their say on both occasions, so no quibbles.

But now there's talk of

more tinkering with the way of things.

Will we see fours revert to how it was (21 ends) and with more points on the line?

The majority of clubs want it that way.

A 21-end game with a point on offer per end plus four for the overall win, does seem to be the way to go.

It will make for tense action.

The Premier League may move to a Sunday slot (all 10 teams playing at the same venue), with the new-look First Division A, B C and D and remaining divisions (all zoned) set for playing their fixtures on Saturday afternoon.

Teams for the above will be reduced from 12 to eight players.

Whether that is the way to go only time will tell.

But for sure there are

going to be some men and women who played in the first team who will lose their places.

The WP executive met on Thursday to discuss matters and will soon make a final call.

"We are in the process of seeing what's best for our base," said Western Province Bowls president Graeme Kemp.

"We want to strengthen our leagues across the board and have more people playing, and that means making changes.

"Whatever we come up will be in the best interests of the district, that I can assure members.

"It's a process that is ongoing.

"And when we have settled on the final product for the two competitions, clubs will be immediately informed."

# WESTERN PROVINCE MIDWEEK CHAMPIONS

**I would like to take you on our incredible journey to becoming CHAMPIONS of the 2017/18 WP Midweek Fours.**

We were drawn in a very competitive section where we felt that all the teams could beat each other on any given day.

The journey started on 14th January with a trip into the country to Helderberg BC on an extremely hot day and our opponents were a team from Helderberg with the wily old fox Cliffie Coombes in their ranks. At 86 he can still draw a mean bowl which



he did end after end. The green was extremely difficult given the drought situation and we struggled for most of the game and with 3 ends to go we were 10-18 down and staring defeat down the barrel, but we put our heads together and pulled the cat out the hat to eventually win 19-18.

The 2nd week we travelled to the other side of the province to Fish Hoek and had a comfortable game picking up a 8 in the process and subsequently I collected R5000 from insurance for a 'Full House' from which I gave my team mates a cut.

The next 2 games were quite intense and we won both by a few shots (2 and 4 respectively).

At this stage most teams were out of the running as they had all beaten each other and there were only 2 unbeaten sides, ourselves and Plumstead, skipped by Brian Pearman and we met each other in what is known as a "must win game" as we felt that whoever won this game would ultimately win the section. It was a very tight game and the lead changed hands a few times and we eventually lost 18-21. With this result we believed it was over as we felt that Plumstead would not lose any games as they had to play 2 of the bottom sides, but fortunately it was not to be as they lost one and peeled one and we went on to win both our last games and progress into the play-offs.

And so to the play-offs. The draw comes out and we were fortunate enough to have a bye into the Quarter-Finals where we were drawn against a team from WPCC to be played at their home venue. Once again it was a very tight game and we were neck and neck for most of the game and eventually came out winners by 22-19. In the semi-finals we came up against a powerful team with Johnny De souze, Nigel Solomon, Roy Ward and a young lead T. Smith all who play in Goodwood's premier side. Without a doubt they were favourites to progress. We put them to the sword and we won 19-16 after a very hard fought game.

Then to the rain interrupted Final at Gardens. Once again we were up against yet again another WPCC team for the 3rd time. This team were down 0-15 in Quarters and won and 3-14 down in semis and won so they could not be underestimated.

It was a miserable day and we ran away to a 11-1 lead on the 9th end when the heavens opened up so we were called off the green and did not return as the green was flooded so it was postponed till a later date. On 2nd May we came back to complete the game which was continued from where we left off and here again we ran away and ultimately won 22-10.

Overall it was a great performance by our entire team from day one to the Final and our spirit and compatibility was tremendous right through the tournament and we all had our moments of glory throughout the duration of the tournament.

Finally on behalf to the team I would like to thank the members one and all for their support on both days of the final. You were all an inspiration for us to go on and lift the trophy.

We will certainly be back next season to defend our title.

*PHIL MARCUS* on behalf of the team.

# MID WEEK FINALS AT GARDENS ON 18th APRIL 2018



This photo tells us a lot. Firstly the rain was heavy, the score was Glen 09 and WPC 01 on the 8th end. Pieter doesn't feel the rain. The green was green & the banks were beautiful.



Brian Ikin in action



Close measure



Some of the many Glen supporters



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Western Province Bowling Association  
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Men's Midweek

Section 1		Rnd	Date	Venue	Rnd	Date	Venue
Schedule		1	17/01/2018 14:15	Helderberg	2	24/01/2018 14:15	Fish Hoek
		3	31/01/2018 14:15	Glen CC	4	07/02/2018 14:15	Plumstead
		5	14/02/2018 14:15	Constantia	6	21/02/2018 14:15	Durbanville
		7	28/02/2018 14:15	WP Cricket			

1. Hodge, J / Coombes, C / Evişon, B / Kirby, R / Blumrick, W - Helderberg						2. Ikin, BJ / Robinson, B / Marcus, P / Strauss, P - Glen CC						3. Hanekom, GA / Forgan, I / Ryan, CD / Von Mallitz, MP - Fish Hoek						4. Karstens, WJ / Eybers, A / Toerien, MC / Schroeder, RW / Crawford, NG - Old Oak													
Rnd	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts											
1	2		18	19	0.0	1		19	18	2.0	4		25	16	2.0	3		16	25	0.0											
2	3		19	16	2.0	4		24	17	2.0	1		16	19	0.0	2		17	24	0.0											
3	4		11	23	0.0	3		23	19	2.0	2		19	23	0.0	1		23	11	2.0											
4	5		4	25	0.0	6		21	19	2.0	7		23	14	2.0	8		12	20	0.0											
5	6		23	14	2.0	8		18	21	0.0	5		17	23	0.0	7		25	17	2.0											
6	7		16	24	0.0	5		34	23	2.0	8		21	17	2.0	6		24	13	2.0											
7	8		18	18	1.0	7		22	12	2.0	6		16	21	0.0	5		21	10	2.0											
Total					109	139	5.0	Total					161	129	12.0	Total					137	133	6.0	Total					138	120	8.0
Aggregate					-30	Place	6	Aggregate					32	Place	1	Aggregate					4	Place	1	Aggregate					18	Place	2

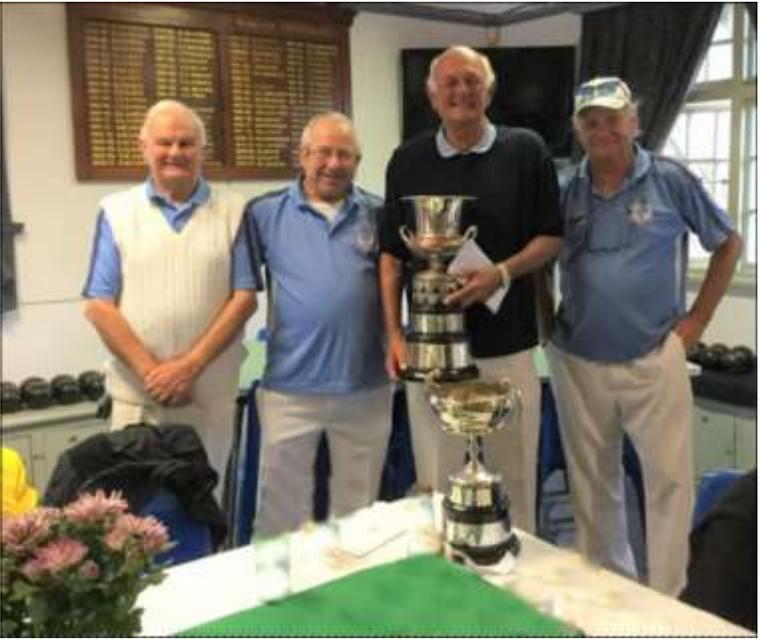
5. Knight, T / Rose, C / Redfern, G / vd Merwe, J - WP Cricket						6. Stamper, J / Nurish, CM / Kandan, A / Liebenberg, P - Constantia						7. Wood, J / Smith, N / Mullis, A / Kleij, DA - Durbanville						8. Pearnan, B / Burger, G / Woolley, D / Rohland, AN - Plumstead													
Rnd	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts	vs	Rink	For	Agnst	Pnts											
1	6		10	32	0.0	5		32	10	2.0	8		10	30	0.0	7		30	10	2.0											
2	7		20	23	0.0	6		21	22	0.0	5		23	20	2.0	6		22	21	2.0											
3	8		7	28	0.0	7		17	22	0.0	6		22	17	2.0	5		28	7	2.0											
4	1		25	4	2.0	2		19	21	0.0	3		14	23	0.0	4		20	12	2.0											
5	3		23	17	2.0	1		14	23	0.0	4		17	25	0.0	2		21	18	2.0											
6	2		23	34	0.0	4		13	24	0.0	1		24	16	2.0	3		17	21	0.0											
7	4		10	21	0.0	3		21	16	2.0	2		12	22	0.0	1		18	18	1.0											
Total					118	159	4.0	Total					137	136	4.0	Total					122	153	6.0	Total					168	107	11.0
Aggregate					-41	Place	8	Aggregate					-1	Place	5	Aggregate					-31	Place	5	Aggregate					49	Place	2

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Men's Midweek Playoffs

Section 1  
Final results

17/01/2018 14:15 Helderberg	24/01/2018 14:15 WP Cricket	07/02/2018 14:15 Durbanville	21/02/2018 14:15 Dardara
Feinhaber, J / Todd, G / Young, P / McGlow, GL - WP Cricket, WPS (19)	Ikin, BJ / Robinson, B / Marcus, P / Strauss, P - Glen CC (22)	Ikin, BJ / Robinson, B / Marcus, P / Strauss, P - Glen CC (22)	Ikin, BJ / Robinson, B / Marcus, P / Strauss, P - Glen CC (22)
De Sosa, JAF / Solomon, ND / Ward, RR / Smith, T - Goodwood, WPS (21)	De Sosa, JAF / Solomon, ND / Ward, RR / Smith, T - Goodwood, WPS (16)	De Sosa, JAF / Solomon, ND / Ward, RR / Smith, T - Goodwood, WPS (16)	Ikin, BJ / Robinson, B / Marcus, P / Strauss, P - Glen CC (22)
Roscoe, G / Manuel, E / Mercurio, B / Lefebvre, C / Lundy, A - Mowbray, WPS (11)	van Beuge, B / Goldman, I / Anderson, LG / Wares, I - WP Cricket, WPS (24)	van Beuge, B / Goldman, I / Anderson, LG / Wares, I - WP Cricket, WPS (20)	Ikin, BJ / Robinson, B / Marcus, P / Strauss, P - Glen CC (22)
Crays, D / Snyman, C / Faure, PM / Phipps, RW - Oakdale, WPS (16)	van Beuge, B / Goldman, I / Anderson, LG / Wares, I - WP Cricket, WPS (20)	van Beuge, B / Goldman, I / Anderson, LG / Wares, I - WP Cricket, WPS (20)	van Beuge, B / Goldman, I / Anderson, LG / Wares, I - WP Cricket, WPS (10)
Chadelick, K / Wright, M / Wright, K / Capes, B - Plumstead, WPS (18)	Ferrika, N / Phirle, D / Hougaard, A / Hansen, L - Pollamoor, WPS (19)	Ferrika, N / Phirle, D / Hougaard, A / Hansen, L - Pollamoor, WPS (19)	Ferrika, N / Phirle, D / Hougaard, A / Hansen, L - Pollamoor, WPS (19)
Ferrika, N / Phirle, D / Hougaard, A / Hansen, L - Pollamoor, WPS (19)			



**Brian Robinson, Philip Marcus, Brian Ikin and Pieter Straus**  
A happy team with the winners cup

# South Africa's 'Rules for Driving' List Goes Viral

Nobody's quite sure who wrote the Rules for Driving in South Africa... but we all know most of them are true!

## RULES FOR DRIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA

- 1. Never indicate – it gives away your next move. A real south African driver never uses indicators.**
- 2. Under no circumstance should you leave a safe distance between you and the car in front of you, this space will be filled by at least 2 taxis and a BMW, putting you in an even more dangerous situation.**
- 3. The faster you drive through a red light, the less chance you have of getting hit.**
- 4. Never, ever come to a complete stop at a stop sign. No one expects it and it will only result in you being rear-ended.**
- 5. Braking should be as hard and late as possible to ensure that your ABS kicks in, giving you a nice, relaxing foot massage as the brake pedal pulsates. For those of you without ABS, it's a chance to stretch your legs.**
- 6. Never pass on the right when you can pass on the left. It's a good way to check if the people entering the highway are awake.**
- 7. Speed limits are arbitrary, given only as a guideline. They are especially NOT applicable in South Africa during rush hour. That's why it's called 'rush hour....'**
- 8. Just because you're in the right lane and have no room to speed up or move over doesn't mean that the South African driver flashing his high beams behind you doesn't think he can go faster in your spot.**
- 9. Always slow down and rubberneck when you see an accident or even someone changing a tyre. Never stop to help – you will be mugged.**
- 10. Learn to swerve abruptly. South Africa is the home of the high-speed slalom driver thanks to the government, placing holes in key locations to test drivers' reflexes and keep them on their toes.**
- 11. It is traditional to honk your horn at cars that don't move the instant the light turns green. This prevents storks from building nests on top of the traffic light and birds from making deposits on your car.**
- 12. Remember that the goal of every South African driver is to get there first, by whatever means necessary.**

**P.S. While the Rules above may be funny... the results are not. South Africa lost over 500 people on the road during the Easter period. Transport Minister Blade Nzimande said the main contributory factors to the 510 road fatalities from 29 March to 9 April were related to human behaviour, particularly speeding...**

## XMAS IN JULY

It's been snowing all night. So ....

8:00 I made a snowman.

8:10 A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 So, I made a snow woman

8:17 My feminist neighbour complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest saying it objectified snow women everywhere

8:20 The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit and moaned it should have been two snowmen instead

8:22 The transgender ma..wom...person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts

8:25 The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot noses, as veggies are food and not to decorate snow figures with.

8:28 I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.....

8:31 The Muslim gent across the road demands the snow woman must wear a burqa

8:40 Three Police cars arrive saying someone has been offended

8:42 The feminist neighbour complained again that the broomstick of the snow woman needs to be removed because it depicts women in a domestic role

8:43 The council equalities officer arrived and threatened me with prosecution

8:45 TV news crew from the BBC shows up. I am asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snowwomen? I reply, "Snowballs" and am called a sexist.

9:00 I'm on the News as a suspected terrorist, pervert, racist, homophobic sensibility offender bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 I am asked if I have any accomplices... my children are taken away by social services

9:29 Far left protesters offended by everything are marching down the Street demanding for me to be beheaded

**Moral:** There is no moral to this story. It's just the world in which we live today!



*Thought for the day: "A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." — G.B.S*

# Upcoming Events

**Congratulations to all who are celebrating a Birthday during this month.**

*We wish all of you very good health and enjoy your special day*

William Green 6th, Adele Saven 7th, Bennie Diamond 8th, Bernard Saven 8th,  
Arline Wolffe 9th, Ken Morton 10th, Susan Schor 11th, David Nevill 12th,  
David Buda 18th, Ivan Garb 21st, Bernie Radomski 25th, Jonathan Mitchell 26th,  
Solly Almeleh 27th, Nic Britz 29th, Jared Stein 29th, Sam Crocker 30th,  
David Ellman 30th

It has been suggested that all those who are celebrating their birthday this month and would like to bring cake/s to the Thursday evening braai should contact each other to arrange which date they will bring cakes, so as to prevent too much one week and nothing the next

If you had purchased R1,000.00 of TELKOM stock, it would now be worth R49.00. With Eskom, you would have had R16.50 left of the original R1,000.00. With WorldCom, you would have had less than R5.00 left. If you had purchased R1,000 of SAA Air Lines stock, you would have R49.00 left.

But, if you had purchased R1,000.00 worth of wine one year ago, drunk all the wine, then turned in the bottles for the recycling REFUND, you would have had R114.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

I am passing this information on as a public service . . . there is no need to thank me.

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# GOOD NEWS PAGE, INSTEAD OF BAD

## Thousands 'Like' Exceptional SAPS from OR Tambo Airport

Over 30,000 people have liked a post praising the exceptional service that a South African Police Service (SAPS) offered to a distraught passenger, on Sunday night at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.

Gauteng resident Isma Theron-De Witt posted a grateful message and photo on Sunday night, asking her friends to "meet officer Vincent from SAPS OR Tambo". Within two days, her post has received over 31,000 likes and over 8,000 shares.

Isma wrote: "I think he got the fright of his life tonight when he found this grown ass woman (that would be me) sitting on the airport floor bawling her eyes out. In a rush to catch the Gautrain I forgot my handbag on the plane – kind of important. "So I was sent from Counter to counter just to find closed offices wherever I went, with ZERO help from airport staff. Fed up and frustrated I broke down. In public. I had no money, a flat phone, no charger, no cigarettes and no hope."

Isma says Officer Vincent "found me bordering on an anaphylactic reaction, crying and gasping for air."

He immediately offered to take Isma for medical help, and took swift action to help her find her bag. "Not only did this man patiently sit with me to calm me down, but he eventually found my handbag and even helped me find an airport transfer when my app wasn't working. And stayed with me all along," she says.

"So blessed to have met one of the gems of the SAPS!!!"

"Thanks, officer Vincent! Thank you ten million times and more!!!"



## Loo Lady at Blue Lagoon Public Toilets Blows Locals Away

Social media is going crazy for a hardworking lady in Durban, South Africa, who keeps the Blue Lagoon toilets sparkling... and has beautiful shiny principles to match.

Edith's awesome work was discovered by a Durban mom, Priscilla Doig, when she reluctantly had to take her son to the public toilets on Saturday. They were at the beach to participate in a beach clean-up, when her son fell ill and they had no choice. In a message to Ethekwini Municipality, Priscilla said: "As you can imagine, I felt a huge sense of dread... public toilets are normally just awful. "What a surprise when I entered the toilets at Blue Lagoon. They were spotless. I have never seen such clean public toilets, ever!!! Wow!" But that wasn't where her surprise ended. Priscilla said that after the relief of such clean toilets, she wanted to express her appreciation and huge gratitude to the staff member –

Edith Mkhize – for the "extra care and attention and pride she took". And so Priscilla offered her a tip...

"To my surprise, Edith respectfully declined my offer and said to me: 'How can you tip me for doing my job! This is what I should be doing!' "Now I was completely blown away. What a special lady!"



# Around the Bowls World



The Almeria Bowling Club was established in 1996 in the southern Spanish province of Almería, near Mojacar. We are a membership run club of 100 plus bowlers who bowl out of the Almeria Lawn Bowling Centre. This is owned by the Jackson family and is part of their very successful “Camping Los Gallardos” complex, which includes Miraflores restaurant together with a huge area consisting of caravans and residential mobile homes.

All information on this can be found on their website [www.campinglosgallardos.com](http://www.campinglosgallardos.com).

**Helpful Information:** The bowling events, committee etc. can be found by accessing categories on top left hand side of the home page. The most recent posts and photographs can be accessed on left & right hand side of home page.

I endeavour to keep the website up to date and include all bowling news and action involving all local clubs. Please contact me if there is anything that you would like to see or change. on [victorparsons@hotmail.com](mailto:victorparsons@hotmail.com)

**There will not be a newsletter during June,  
as the editor will be holidaying in Thailand**

