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ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE PERIOD 2015/2016

1 GENERAL OVERVIEW

This Report is presented at the conclusion of a challenging year for the national Tennis Federation.

That said there are many positive achievements over the past year – we continue to create a positive environment for junior and senior tennis, have achieved our Silver Status Coaching Accreditation from the International Tennis Federation and continue to have a number of our technical officials represent our country in major overseas tournaments. In addition a number of your administrators have represented the country with distinction on various International Tennis Federation Committees thus ensuring that we remain a well-respected tennis nation in the world community.

We need to acknowledge our disappointments. We have not received any National Lottery Fund grant this past year and we continue not to have a sustainable long term business model for our sport. These result in us being severely limited in what we are able to offer tennis players in South Africa – with our focus being to retain a staff that provides a basic enabling environment for assisting with the organizing of events, a coaching system and dealing with the ever increasing demands of government for information and implementation of political policies.

At the conclusion of a year we should pause and reflect on our Vision, Mission and Values:-

Vision:-

“We all see someone playing tennis, somewhere, every day”

Mission:-

“To enhance the quality of life for all South Africans of any age group, by growing the sport of tennis at every level, for everyone who wants to become involved”

Values:-

“Transparency, Personal Accountability, Sportsmanship”

Tennis South Africa is committed to these and we believe every decision we make has as its foundation these three core components.

2 STAFFING AND OFFICE PROCESS

The office remains situated at the Lords Office Park in Centurion. Our lease of these premises expires in May 2018.

Our review of office processes and responsibilities remains ongoing. Both Clark Coetzee (Board Member) and Rob van der Schyff (HR and Strategy Consultant) have spent a considerable amount of time and effort interacting with staff collectively and individually so as to streamline office processes, particularly with regard to the whole tournament cycle process.

During the course of the past year we took the decision to end the Reward Card offering to our membership and to also move from the Tournament Manager software to the Sporty HQ software. It is fair to say that both the cessation and move have not been without their challenges, in the first instance resulting in considerable confusion amongst our membership as to where and how to pay their annual Registration Fees and secondly the new Sporty HQ information technology has required considerable additional adaptation and development (not to be unexpected) than originally thought. This has caused a number of challenges, particularly from within the Seniors Division of our organization. However can I say that Sporty HQ have tackled the numerous challenges with gusto and dealt with queries and issues timeously. Our particular thanks to Clark Coetzee for leading and managing this process and ongoing implementation.

Last year we reported that it was with some frustration that we were falling behind in terms of staff remuneration levels. A review of remuneration levels was undertaken by Rob van der Schyff and the general analysis showed that we were, on average, some thirty percent behind comparable commercial levels. The Board took the decision to adjust staff remuneration – unfortunately not by the full recommendations – by on average ten percent in May 2016.

During the year under Mninawa Ndaku, who had been serving an internship with our office, was appointed on a full-time basis. Lorraine Cruickshanks (our bookkeeper) and Venessa Kiley (secretary) resigned effective January and March 2016 respectively. The Board took the decision to upgrade the bookkeeper position to that of Financial Manager/Office Administrator. An employment agency was appointed to recruit such a person and we welcomed Ridhwaan Dawood into the office on the 1 February 2016 – a decision that is bearing fruit.

With the guidance and assistance of Rob van der Schyff we have commenced a process of engaging with staff individually every six months with the purpose of listening to their challenges and suggestions regarding how we can, not only improve the working environment, assist in upskilling them so as to add further value to them and our business. This process, I believe has been well received and is an important component in keeping staff motivated and feeling needed.

The process of looking for a new Chief Executive Officer has also been ongoing. Considerable effort and time, with the aid of an Executive Recruitment Agency, was expended over the past year in seeking the right person. This has now culminated in the appointment of Mr Richard Glover as Tennis South Africa's Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 October 2016. We would like to thank everyone involved in this process and final appointment.

We reported last year that Iain Smith had not been well and that he had been recovering. I am pleased to say that he is now recovered. Mpho Makhoba has not been well and her health is being carefully monitored. Tennis South Africa remains committed to being an employer who cares about its employees and we firmly believe that staff is Tennis South Africa's main asset.

We need to acknowledge that we have an extremely loyal, passionate and hardworking staff. Few people know the number of hours that are worked without recognition or compensation by them. We thank each one of them and assure them of all our appreciation for what they do.

3 GAME SET AND MATCH – TSA STREAMING PROGRAMME



Game Set and Match, whilst a Tennis South Africa (TSA) asset and an attempt to try to enhance local tennis in terms of a weekly talk show, unfortunately did not grow to the expectation of both TSA and the GSM Streaming Team.

TSA Manco met with the GSM team in September 2015 to discuss the way forward. GSM was given a six (6) month window period in which TSA provided capital to support the show, with the understanding that GSM would be self- sustainable by end of March 2016.

The GSM show was reduced from 30 minute shows to 8 minute weekly shows in order to try and encourage greater viewership by reducing time on streaming.

This unfortunately did not grow the viewer base in terms of the weekly show. During a meeting with the TSA Social Media Company (Calidascope) the GSM show was discussed and the following conclusions were drawn based on the numbers presented:

- Content was possibly not correct
- Cost of streaming and data
- Target market

Calidascope did however indicate that the GSM programme was a good initiative and that the timing of having such a programme at this stage was possibly premature and that this was a project to be re-looked at for the future.

Calidascope also did present that while Streamit 360 (platform for GSM) handled the streaming component of the Davis Cup tie – South Africa vs. Luxembourg, that is was interesting to note that a total of 12,000 views were logged for the tie, which indicated that Live Tennis was probably more of an attraction to the GSM weekly show.

TSA informed GSM that TSA was no longer in a position to fund or provide funding for the programme, but, should Streamit 360 wish to continue with the GSM programme at their cost then TSA would support this.

TSA would like to express our sincere appreciation to the GSM Team for the efforts in putting the programme together:

- Apples Appelton – Streamit 360 Director
- Lize Jacobs – Producer
- Mike Dunk – Presenter
- Michael de Jongh – Presenter
- Robbie Koenig – ATP Correspondent

Everyone involved in this project did this with passion and belief in the product and programme, often with no or little costs involved and a production that was put together on a budget well below market value.

4 DISCIPLINE

An unfortunate incident involving a racist comment took place in February 2016 during the Gauteng North Mini 1 tournament which took place at Groenkloof Tennis Stadium.

A TSA Disciplinary Committee was convened to handle the hearing. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the parent involved was awarded a Life Time ban from attending any sanctioned tennis events. The parent has subsequently appealed the decision and the Appeals Committee under the chairmanship of Advocate J Vorster reduced this ban to one year.

TSA abhors any form of racism and is fully committed to the eradication of this crime.

The non-payment code violation was re-assessed and the decision taken was that entry fees are payable upon entry. While this did take time for parents and those handling the entries to become familiar with, it has reduced the administration load in the office significantly in terms of following up on missing payments.

5 OFFICIATING



TSA's Officiating Programme continued to make positive strides during the past year. The limited number of International events does continue to put the ITF certified officials under strain in terms of maintaining their qualifications. The addition of the Stellenbosch Futures in November did prove to be a major boost for the ITF officials and local officials.

TSA Level 1 Officiating Courses held during the year were as follows:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
EDEN	22 – 24 MAY 2015	GEORGE TENNIS CLUB
NORTHERN CAPE	5 – 7 JUNE 2015	KIMBERLY TENNIS CLUB
GAUTENG NORTH	22 – 24 AUGUST 2015	GROENKLOOF TENNIS STADIUM
GAUTENG CENTRAL/EAST	29 – 31 AUGUST 2015	ARTHUR ASHE TENNIS STADIUM
FREE STATE	29 – 31 AUGUST 2015	FREE STATE TENNIS STADIUM
BOLAND	4 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2015	STELLENBOSCH TENNIS CLUB
KWA-ZULU NATAL	12 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2015	WESTRIDGEPARK TENNIS STADIUM
WESTERN PROVINCE	12 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2015	RONDEBOSCH TENIS STADIUM
MPUMALANGA	26 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2015	MIDDELNURG TENNIS CLUB
NORTH WEST PROVINCE	10 – 12 OCTOBER 2015	SCHOONSPRUIT TENNIS CLUB
BORDER	17 – 19 OCTOBER 2015	SELBORNEPARK TENNIS STADIUM
ITF LEVEL 2 SCHOOL - BOLAND	11 – 15 NOVEMBER 2015	MATIES TENNIS CLUB AND SAS
WESTERN PROVINCE	10 – 13 MARCH 2016	RONDEBOSCH TENNIS STADIUM

ITF LEVEL 2 SCHOOL:

TSA applied to the ITF to host a Level 2 White Badge School during the Stellenbosch Futures. The application was successful and the school took place during the second week. A total of seventeen (17) candidates from Africa was accepted to the school, five (5) of which were from South Africa.

The school was taught by Soeren Friemel (ITF Head of Officiating), Pascal Maria (ITF Grand Slam Official) and Iain Smith (ITF Officiating Officer).

The South African candidates that passed the school were:

- Tebogo Maleke (GC) – ITF White Badge Chair Umpire
- Patrick Selepe (GC) – ITF White Badge Chair Umpire
- Adri du Plessis (GN) – ITF White Badge Chief of Umpires

Patrick Selepe became the first official from wheelchair tennis (with a disability) to become a certified ITF official.

TSA's total quota of White Badge Officials increased to twelve (12) officials, covering qualifications as Chair Umpires, Referee's and Chief of Umpires.

ITF LEVEL 3 SCHOOL:

The African five (5) year Officiating Plan included a Level 3 school to take place in 2015 in North Africa. South Africa nominated three (3) candidates to be considered for an International Certification. The Level 3 School forms part of the joint Officiating Programme between ITF, ATP and WTA.

Mpho Makhoba (GN), Mxolisi Matyolo (GE) and George Phiri (GN) were nominated and accepted to attend the school on Morocco. The school was held from 18 to 22 October and taught by various full time officials from ITF, ATP and WTA.

TSA can feel proud of the results achieved as two (2) of the three (3) candidates passed and achieved the following International Certifications:

- Mpho Makhoba – ITF Silver Badge Chief of Umpires
- Mxolisi Matyolo – ITF Silver Badge Referee

The above success sees South Africa's International Officials grow to four (4) officials, namely:

- Iain Smith – ITF Gold Badge Referee
- Anton Rens – ITF Silver Badge Referee
- Mpho Makhoba – ITF Silver Badge Chief of Umpires
- Mxolisi Matyolo – ITF Silver Badge Referee

INTERNATIONAL OFFICIATING:

The following officials were selected to represent South Africa at various international events in 2015/2016:

- Wimbledon: Iain Smith – Review Official (due to health issues had to withdraw)
Pieter Hoeksma – Line Umpire
- Africa Games (Gabon): Mpho Makhoba – Chief of Umpires
George Phiri – Chair Umpire
- Australian Open: Pieter Hoeksma – Line Umpire
George Phiri – Line Umpire
Iain Smith – Review Official

- Davis Cup Zimbabwe: Mpho Makhoba – Chief of Umpires
Mxolisi Matyolo – Chair Umpire
George Phiri – Chair Umpire

Davis Cup – July 2015 (South Africa vs. Ireland):

The second tie of the year, was played at Irene Country Club. The Home Tie provided an opportunity for local ITF certified officials to be assigned as Chair Umpires to the tie.

The officials assigned to the tie were:

- Pieter Hoeksma (GN)
- Steve Kghapola (GE)

Davis Cup – March 2016 (South Africa vs. Luxembourg):

The first round of the 2016 competition was played at Irene Country Club. As always, home ties provide an opportunity for local ITF officials to be assigned to work at the event.

The officials assigned to the tie were:

- Mpho Makhoba (GN) – Chief of Umpires
- Ephraim Motsiane (GE) – Chair Umpire
- Abram Sehloho (GN) – Chair Umpire

This was Mpho Makhoba's first assignment as an International Chief of Umpires. In both of the above events, South Africa received good comments from the Referee in terms of the quality of the local officials, both Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.

Mpho Makhoba was also awarded the Official of the Year award by Gauteng Government during the time of the hosting of the tie against Luxembourg. Gavin Crookes also made a special award on court to Mpho on the Saturday, prior to the commencement of the doubles tie.

ITF Futures:

While the hosting of Futures events provides good opportunity for local players to test and enhance their skills, the same applies to local officials and the officiating programme.

The officiating programme is two tiered in that the current certified officials need to officiate a minimum number of matches to maintain their certifications with the ITF on an annual basis and the up and coming National officials need match practice to be able to gain the experience to attend and pass an ITF school.

The events at Stellenbosch did just that as during the three (3) weeks, TSA was able to rotate fifteen (15) officials (ITF and National) on a weekly basis to ensure that all officials were able to benefit from the rotation system. IN addition, the National Officials assigned to the events were those selected to attend the ITF Level 2 School and this provided an opportunity to conduct additional training and preparation of the officials.

6 JUNIORS



JUNIOR MEETING AND RULE AMENDMENTS

The Junior meeting took place in an electronic form during November 2015, with an undertaking for a official meeting to be held in 2016.

Initially the attendance of the workshop posed a challenge and the meeting was reconvened due to technical difficulties experienced.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON 21st NOVEMBER 2015 09H00.

1. Welcome:

Riad Davids (RD) welcomed all on the conference and thanked everyone for being available. Discussed the importance and reason for reconvening the meeting, in order to ensure that all stakeholders were awarded the opportunity to be part of the decision making process due to IT issues experienced the previous week.

2. Confirmation of process to be followed:

Tony Louscher (WP) raised the concern about the tele-conference being able to make tough and important decisions. The matter of proxies being valid was also discussed and the meeting agreed that proxies would not be considered as the proxies were not present to consider debates and to reconsider their original vote.

The meeting all agreed to the proposed way of conducting the meeting.

3. Apologies:

Apologies received were:

Gauteng Central
Northern Cape
North West Province
Mpumalanga

4. Delegates announce their attendance when called to do so and confirm accreditation by registering the name of the accrediting officer:

RD went through the list to confirm attendance and that the delegates had the accreditation from the respective Provincial President to attend and vote at this meeting.

5. Quorum confirmed/meeting rescheduled:

RD confirmed that there was a quorum and that the meeting could proceed with the review of the rule changes proposed.

6. Items on the rules that need further debate:

a. AGE GROUPS:

Although the age group aspect was not on the previous weeks agenda, RD raised the aspect due to the fact that this matter was raised during the 14 November teleconference.

RD explained that even though the TSA Board had taken a decision, that the President, Mr. Gavin Crookes has indicated that if the meeting were of the opinion that this should be re-considered, the Board would look at this.

Following various points raised both for and against the age group change the meeting resolved that the age group change would remain as per the decision taken by the TSA Board.

Decision Taken: Age groups to be u10, u12, u14, u16 & u18. Age groups to be determined based on age on 1 January annually.

b. TOURNAMENT FORMAT FOR TSA EVENTS:

RD gave WP and Boland the opportunity to discuss the Feed-in system vs. Monrad. The matter was debated, with various responses received. Boland made presentation that the Feed-in system favoured the rural provinces, with support shown from Eden. Gauteng North agreed with the statement that entries had dropped based on the format change and Free State indicated they were in favour of the Monrad based on their opinion being that the feed-in was not fair on scheduling and Monrad provided players with more balanced matches.

The initial round of voting, excluded TSA Board Member and staff had a stale mate of 4 / 4 in favour of Monrad and Feed-in. RD called Eastern Province representative who had excused himself and it was confirmed that EP committee were also split and could not resolve the matter amongst themselves.

The meeting agreed that RD as the TSA Board Member and Chairperson of the meeting should have the casting vote. RD explained that based on the facts his personal vote was to go in favour of the Feed-in system.

It was agreed that due to correspondence having already gone to the public and tournament entries having been opened that the Monrad would remain as the TSA Series format from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016 and that effective 1 December 2016, the format would revert back to Feed-in. This was accepted by all.

Decision Taken: Monrad Format to be used from 1 December 2015 until 30 November 2016. All positions to be played off i.e. 1 to 32. Quarter-final and semi-final round losers to play off to final positions.

c. **DOUBLES PLAY-OFF MATCH:**

The meeting was in agreement that the doubles play-off match be done away with.

Decision Taken: Only Doubles Main Draw, no additional Play-Off match

d. **GUARANTEED STRENGTHS:**

The aspect on guaranteed strengths was discussed along with the motivation for amending the points tables for TSA Series events carry more points than ITF Grade 4 and 5 events.

IS reminded the meeting that the 2014 Workshop and as stated in the minutes the various aspects were agreed and decided upon when Guaranteed Strengths were to be re-introduced. The majority support the proposed changes.

WP raised the concern of Playing out of age group and “buying free points”. It was noted that while the 2014 rule change was for 64 draws that the rule be revisited where players playing out of age group earn actual age group points or points relative to the age group playing in at the tournament. The Committee were reminded that the guaranteed strengths would be the same or higher than TF’s. IS proposed that the rule be kept simple and that if a player wins 2 rounds in the respective draw then they are awarded the age group points in which they are competing, if not able to win 2 rounds in Main Draw then player is awarded points based on his/her actual age group. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

Decision Taken: Guaranteed Strengths to be re-introduced. 32 Draw, player to reach Quarter-Finals, 16 Draw, player to reach semi-finals and 8 draw, player to reach final if playing out of age group to be awarded the actual points.

Boland raised the issue that the tournaments counting toward ranking had been changed from 6 to 4 the previous week (14 November). This was debated with Free State stating their reason for the 4 tournaments to count rather than 6. Mention was made that this is a National ranking and not a Regional or Provincial ranking.

The Provinces voted and the majority were in favour of going back to 6 tournaments to count as per the original document.

Decision Taken: Best 6 results will count for ranking purposes. Only a players best 3 ITF results will count. Rankings released in January following the results from the GN TSA Series event will display the Guaranteed Strengths from all tournament TSA Series events being played in December. GN acceptances will be based on the rankings in December which are still on actual strength in order to fall in line with the acceptance procedures for the December TSA Series events.

e. **PLAY-OFF MATCHES**

The meeting was in agreement with the fact that Play-Off matches to be mandatory, with the exception being where a player submits an official medical certificate from the appointed tournament Dr or medical clinic.

Where an official medical certificate is not produced, the player will not be awarded points for the position reached.

Decision Taken: Play-Off matches to all positions are Mandatory. Only medical certificates from the appointed tournament doctor or clinic will be accepted.

f. **DOUBLES/MIXED DOUBLES ACCEPTANCES & SECTIONS:**

Reasons for the proposed change were discussed, with main emphasis being to enable players to decide who they want to play with, rather than being “forced” based on singles event i.e. Platinum, Gold or Silver.

The point of careful scheduling was mentioned as the situation of a players, playing at two different venues can occur based on venue sizes. It was highlighted that tournament directors would need to manage scheduling carefully. The meeting took note of this.

Decision Taken: Doubles acceptance to be based on combined singles rankings, seeding to be based on doubles ranking. But, players from Platinum and Gold can play together. Doubles draws to remain at 16 Draws.

Mixed Doubles to be based on players in a certain section (Platinum to play with Platinum or Gold with Gold). Mixed doubles acceptances will not allow players from Gold to play with player in Platinum.

1st round of mixed doubles to be played on Day 1 as it is a 32 Draw, with Doubles only commencing on Day 2.

Players also commit for the full duration of the tournament and play-off matches will not be scheduled to be played earlier, to accommodate players i.e. semifinal round losers to play same day.

7. Closing

RD went through the decisions taken in summary and again asked for affirmation of these decisions and the Committee agreed.

RD thanked all for their time and input.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Riad Davids
Chairperson

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

The local tournaments in most cases were well run by the respective Provinces and appointed tournament organizers. Most of the organizers are ofay with the tournament rules and system that is being used across the country and this has assisted in ensuring that tournaments are run in a standardized manner with very few errors being made in terms of draws etc. However, in terms of rules and procedures there are revised on an annual basis in order to ensure that the entry procedures, code of conduct and basic formats are in line with what TSA strives to achieve on the local front, in consultation with the various junior chairpersons from around the country at the Junior Workshop.

Looking at the past year the total number of entries received and managed by the online system were as follows:

	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>
Total Number of Junior Entries:	13,987	14,765
TSA Series Entries:	4,195	4,108
Junior Nationals/Spring Event:	623	648
Junior Tournaments:	9,792	10,009

7 SCHOOLS TENNIS



March 2015

The tournament took place from 27 – 30 March. All 14 TSA Provinces attended with Gauteng North hosting a B side with the Under 15 age group and Gauteng Central hosting a B side with the Under 19 age group. Zimbabwe made up the 16th team in both age groups. The following venues were used: Elardus Park, Irene, Groenkloof (12 courts), Tukkies (12 courts), Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool, Uitspan, Pretoria High School for Boys, Pretoria High School for Girls, Rietondale, Belgrave, Brooklyn Union, Menlo-Alkant, Lynnwood and Waverley Tennis Clubs.

The teams were divided into four groups of four according to the combined rankings of the players. This method proved itself in the past and again this year as the top 8 ranked teams ended up in the so called A section playing for positions 1 – 8. Gauteng North and Gauteng Central battled it out in both age groups with Gauteng Central defending the title that they won in 2014.

Our gratitude to Clark Coetzee (president Gauteng and Gauteng North tennis) for the team managers and coaches' function. We were also fortunate that Gavin Crookes could attend. Both gentlemen appearance at the courts as well as other board members like Riad Davids showed their commitment and interest in junior tennis.

No incidents on or off the courts were reported. The high light was the announcement of the SA Schools team. This was also received favourably.

We stayed within the budget. As agreed the excess will go to the 3 age groups travelling abroad. The Primary Schools will travel to America and also attend the US Open. The two high schools age groups will tour the UK and attend Wimbledon.

The bid for the next year needs to be done immediately. A proper schools week needs 12 months of planning. The requisite is simple:

- The Primary Schools need 8 venues of 6 courts each with no netball lines within close proximity of affordable accommodation.
- The High Schools need 16 venues of 6 courts each with no netball lines within close proximity of affordable accommodation.

It is also important that the board approve the date for the event ASAP.

General comments:

- It is very important that the president from each province must familiarize him/her with the system in his province with which the provincial team is selected.
- The president of the province must assure that a proper AGM takes place. The notice for the AGM must be send to as many as possible. It must be on the provinces web site.
- Team selection has to be an important point at every AGM.
- Decisions taken have to be send to all involved. TSA has to receive a copy. The rules for team selection must be available on the provinces web. Try not to change the format every year. Rather refine what you have and learn from mistakes in the past. Do not allow individuals to take decisions. Remember any decisions taken at an AGM can only be changed at the next AGM. Consistency brings trust.
- Provinces have to make sure that a proper development program is in place. Too often teams realizes at a very late stage that there are very few or sometimes even none PDI players to select from. We are committed to development. No development – no participation.
- Provinces must put a financial plan in place to make the Schools week an affordable one. TSA has been able to subsidize the event thus far. We are grateful but have to strive towards self-sustainability. Provinces can host min-series, championships, add a small add on to league fees etc. to support the provincial team.

The final results were as follows:

Under 15

1. Gauteng Central
2. Gauteng North A
3. Western Province
4. Free State
5. Boland
6. Border
7. KZN
8. Zimbabwe
9. Northern Cape
10. Gauteng North B
11. North West Province

Under 19

1. Gauteng Central A
2. Gauteng North
3. Boland
4. Western Province
5. KZN
6. EP
7. Free State
8. Gauteng Central B
9. North West Province
10. Border
11. Gauteng East

12. Gauteng East
13. SWD
14. Mpumalanga
15. EP
16. Limpopo

12. Zimbabwe
13. Mpumalanga
14. Northern Cape
15. SWD
16. Limpopo

We selected 3 teams to travel.

Under 15 (in alphabetical order)

Girls

1. Kaylin Bouwer EP
2. Chelsea Dzenga GN
3. Angela Georgiva GC
4. Maja Gledic GC
5. Megan Lombardi Boland
6. Azner Louw GC

Boys

1. Robbie Arends WP
2. Philip Henning FS
3. Justin Liebenberg GC
4. Nyathi Motlojoa FS
5. Marno Stander WP
6. Cristia Worst GN

Under 17

1. Maxine Bateman WP
2. Lienke de Kock NWP
3. Cindy Dorrington Boland
4. Mila Hartig GN
5. Michele Ncube GC
6. Nicole Petchy WP
7. Sinazo Solani Boland
8. Tayla van Eck GC

1. Matthew Johnson WP
2. Jandre Lessing EP
3. Kukutla Motlajoa FS
4. Oeratile Seati NWP
5. Dylan Waters GC
6. Heinrich Willemse EP

Under 19

1. Imaan Hassim Gc
2. Rouxanne Jv Rensburg Boland
3. Sarah Mayne KZN
4. Lize Moolman FS
5. Lindsay Truscott GN
6. Lesshika Vala Mpumalanga
7. Wilanie van Zyl EP

1. Michael Copeland GC
2. Marnich Hattingh GN
3. Damon Kesaris KZN
4. Jan-Louis Maritz Boland
5. Cameron Peterson GC
6. Raul Stevens GN

The whole event was well covered on the TSA Facebook page as well as on the web. A huge thank you to Wendy Chadwick for her effort in this regard.

June 2015

All arrangements for the SA Teams to travel started in all earnest after completion of the schools week. The department of Home Affairs complicated matters by announcing the new law that no minor will travel without an unabridged birth certificate. Waiting time for such a document is 3 – 4 months. We were fortunate that most of our players had some sort of full or unabridged birth certificate. Nevertheless we managed to get all documentation ready. We were also fortunate to be successful with all visa applications – something that did not always happen in the past.

For the first time we will have an official capping ceremony at the Premier Hotel prior to departure. Our sincere gratitude to Gavin who initiated this as well as the Under 18 players that will travel in smart casual with blazers. This has come to stay. We have parents flying up from Cape Town to attend.

Our matches against a Scottish junior Invitational side has been confirmed as well as the matches against the Sutton Academy. With the help of TSA every player will have the advantage of a Court ticket at Wimbledon, without doubt the high light of the tour.

25 June 2015 – 5 July 2015

On 25 June 2015, 19 very excited players arrived at the Premier Hotel for the capping ceremony before taking off to Edinburgh. The capping ceremony was a first for schools tennis initiated by Mr Gavin Crookes. The Under 19 players were issued a smart formal jacket with the TSA Schools badge embroidered. The junior players received their SA Schools jacket. A professional photographer took the team photo. Mike Dunk and the BLD group were responsible for the media coverage and about 6 media groups were present. I suppose the coming up Davis Cup tie played a role. The fact of the matter is that it created excitement. It also enhanced the importance of the occasion.

Jenny and I nervously went to the airport as the new legislation about unabridged birth certificates just came into place. Armed with lots of paperwork we went through customs unharmed. The flight to Edinburgh via Heathrow went well. A cold and wet Edinburgh welcomed us on Friday 26 June. The day was spent discovering The Royal Mile and other interesting places. The bag pipes being played all over the city creates an atmosphere rarely matched.

Saturday 27 June was match day. In the past we could never manage to win more than 40% of the matches. The tie is being played at St Georges Girls' School. It is a beautiful venue and the school is over 400 years old. The surface is artificial grass and difficult to adapt to. We manage to beat the Scots with 18 matches to 10. The fact that a level 2 ITF tournament was held in the area I think played a role. We nonetheless took the win.

Sunday 28 June we flew back to Heathrow for our London leg of the tour. With the help of TSA the whole group managed to have tickets for Wimbledon on the Monday. We made a lot of noise at Kevin's match and most of the players manage to be on TV. We also won Kevin's appreciation. He spent time after the match with the group and a team photo with Kevin became a memento of each player.

Tuesday 29 June was match day against Sutton, one of the junior sponsored LTA academies. The tie is being played on clay and we usually are doing very well. This year it was tight and at some stage we were 12 all in matches. Fortunately we managed to take 4 of the last 5 matches.

The rest of the tour was spend doing sightseeing and spending a second day at Wimbledon. A very tired but satisfied group returned to OR Tambo on 5 July.

General

It is worrying to hear that are people who want to do away with “provincial” tennis. We all agree that the setup has to adapt to the 9 provinces of the government but cutting provincial tennis will bring an end to schools’ tennis. Tennis as a sport has 3 main competitors at school. Golf (without doubt our country’s most successful code), hockey and cricket. All of these codes involves a “stick and a ball”. It is a fact that a team sport is more popular than an individual sport, making hockey and cricket our main “enemies”. Golf, cricket and hockey have provincial competitions. Hockey even make provision for so called A, B and C team competitions on provincial level. My school won the Pretoria under 15 tennis league 3 years ago. Two of those players made provincial hockey teams and this year only played tennis on a part time base. This is especially sad as it is their matric year.

I have always emphasized that our main purpose in schools is to grow numbers for the game. If we take opportunities like provincial and national colours away, we can say good bye to numbers. The Schools Week and the two International tours for Primary and High Schools are the high light on the tennis calendar. Replacing them with anything less will be suicide.

Last but not least thank you to TSA for providing us with a lot of support. Thank you to the office and all their help. Thank you to the parents for their support. Also to Jenny Koster for her huge input.

NOVEMBER 2015

Schools week 2016

The dates and venues for this prestigious events have been finalized. Bloemfontein will host the Primary Schools event and Pretoria the High Schools event. For the first time the events will follow Nationals. The rational is to have more spectators at the finals at Nationals. Time will tell if this is successful. The down side is that we will have less time organizing the overseas trip for the High Schools. If Nationals do not gain substantially from this change of events we would prefer that the Schools Week be hosted early.

TSA Website

The “Schools” sub title is a great add on. Valuable information is being added. Contact details for provinces, selection criteria for provincial teams, festival dates are just a few that will add value.

Registration

The registration for so called social members is still a frustration. At the previous board meeting we declared that 2016 will be a “No TSA number – No Participation” year. Some provinces already finalised league fixtures for early 2016. The social membership registration was (is still) not in place. This way we are not only losing revenue but also blocking a lot of other initiatives.

Inter district competition

It remain an objective from the Department of Education as well as Sport and Rec that the federation play a major role in getting an inter district competition of the ground. This will remain a huge challenge as the government expect information from the federation that is almost impossible to obtain. Each

district in the country has a district office. Each district office has someone appointed to sport. The district office have a list of all schools in that district. They (should) have numbers – learners and teachers, facilities available etc. at the office. Nonetheless they expect the federation to supply this data. I attended a Sport and Rec meeting where I was given the contact details of the Head Office in all the provinces. Two thirds of the mail sent to these offices came back. The addresses were wrong. I sent another mail to Sport and Rec asking for the correct addresses. My mail was unanswered.

I agree that the potential to grow the game lies developing tennis at all levels. The task at hand is to say the least a daunting one without more help from the department. To organise competitions and create systems will be an easy one if we know who to talk to.

International Schools Festival – Brazil 2017

I had the opportunity to attend a social event at the SASCOC headquarters with the ISF delegation. Having had the privilege to attend the ISF in Doha early this year, I was acquainted with Pam Burrage and her team. It was a more than useful exercise. I met the people being responsible for the 2017 event in Brazil. I obtained useful information regarding travel and accommodation.

The “Road to Brazil” will be up on the TSA website soon. An invitation went out to all schools in the country. An invitation will also be posted on the website. We attended this event for the first time this year. We did not have any time for a local competition. The teams (Grey College and Oranje Meisieskool) were selected on the mere fact that the combined ranking of the team members were the lowest. I would like a Board decision on the following:

- A sponsored National competition to select the teams for 2017.
- To “ring fence” R30 from every registered Junior for this purpose and to support the teams travelling.

The ISF is looking for a hosting country for 2019. I would like a Board decision on the following:

- Permission to get full information from the ISF of what is required.
- Investigate the possibility to host the event.

8 COACHING



REGISTRATION 2015/6

In total 582 coaches licensed with TSA in 2015/16 as follows:

Numbers by Province:

	PROVINCE	Total No. of Coaches per Province
1	BOLAND	56
2	BORDER	12
3	EASTERN PROVINCE	18
4	FREE STATE	26
5	GAUTENG CENTRAL	112
6	GAUTENG EAST	45
7	GAUTENG NORTH	101
8	INTERNATIONAL	3
9	KWA ZULU NATAL	64
10	LIMPOPO	6
11	MPUMALANGA	14
12	NORTHERN CAPE	14
13	NORTH WEST PROVINCE	25
14	SOUTH WEST DISTRICT	23
15	WESTERN PROVINCE	63
		582

The numbers reflect a decline in registrations. Possible reasons include –

- Change back from the online TSA/LiveLife based registration system
- Not trusting the online payment options. This also led to quite a number of paper entries or just dumping fees into the TSA Coaches account known to coaches
- Introduction of CPE and resultant increase of fees by R500

PROVINCIAL COACHES COMMITTEES/ASSOCIATIONS

Very few provincial Coaches Committees/Associations function on a constitutional/regular basis. Willingness to serve a tennis cause outside of one's personal involvement in tennis together with a dramatic change lifestyle and social environment appear to be the major stumbling blocks. The limited income generated by provincial coach's fees also make it unlikely to offer the prospect of professionalizing the coach's provincial administration.

DONALD THOMSON

Donald Thomson vs TSA, KZN, DTA and Chiltern Park Sports Club after losing his case, applied to appeal the decision. A guarantee of R5000 was imposed before the appeal would be granted. On failing to deposit the guarantee after six months, the appeal application lapsed.

ITF WORLDWIDE COACHES CONFERENCE

The WWCC was held in Antalya Turkey, from 22-29 November 2015. 750 delegates from 99 Countries attended.

The official representatives at the conference were: Ms. Bridget Vissee, Mr. Allan Karam and Mr. Leon Freimond, Thabo Mathlaela received an ITF Scholarship to attend. Bantu Nkangana from the Eastern Cape arranged funding from Eastern Cape Sport and Recreation. 3 other coaches namely: Paul Jones & Jean De Lange from Gauteng Central and Martin Redelinghuys attended.

Three South African presented namely: Board Member Allan Karam, Riaan Kruger (ITF Development Officer) and Kirsty Elliott (UP Sport Scientist). Jean and Martin were asked to act as hitters in the drill sessions on day one. This snowballed and in the end they were used in almost all the presentations and represented South Africa very well.

The main features of the presentations, especially the on-court presentations, centred around strategy and tactics. The main points made were:

- Playing close to or inside the baseline.
- Try to avoid giving up that position as seldom as possible.
- Improving both linear and lateral movements.
- Taking time away from the opponent.
- Open technique based on situation rather than one formal technique for all situations.



SOME OF THE TSA DELEGATION WITH HEADLINE SPEAKER JUDY MURRAY

The ITF Coaches Commission also met at the WWCC. Main developments that were announced/discussed:

1. All ITF manuals will become available on eBooks at US\$9,99.
2. They are considering to allowing countries to print manuals locally in order to cut costs. With declining Rand and courier costs, the average price of a manual has almost doubled.
3. The first online course for CPE will be available from 2016.
4. The TSA proposal that a set of questions at the end of each iCoach presentation be added in order for the presentation to also be used for CPE will be investigated.



BOARD MEMBER KARAM PRESENTING AT THE WORLD WIDE COACHES CONFERENCE

ITF SILVER STATUS

The ITF Silver Status application is at an advanced stage. A number of aspects needed to be put in place in order to finalise the application. All hurdles are cleared to application will be handed in to the ITF Coaching Department by 15th April.

COACHING COURSES HELD

	Province	Date of Course	Number of Participants	Number Passed	Retakes	Failed	Male	Female	Black	White
	PLAY AND STAY									
1	Kwa Zulu Natal	9 - 12 April 2015	13	10	0	3	11	2	5	8
2	Western Province	16 - 17 & 23 - 24 May 2015	17	10	0	7	13	4	3	14
3	Gauteng Central & East	6 - 7 & 13 - 14 June 2015	28	28	0	0	21	7	6	22
4	Western Province	8 - 9 & 15 - 16 Aug 2015	12	9	1	2	8	4	4	8
5	Gauteng North	22 - 23 & 29 - 30 Aug 2015	12	10	2	0	7	5	5	7
6	Mpumalanga	5 - 6 & 12 - 13 Sept 2015	12	8	0	4	7	5	5	7
7	Gauteng North	30 - 31 Jan & 6 - 7 Feb 2016	25	23	1	1	21	4	5	20
8	Northern Cape	3 - 6 March 2016	12	8	0	4	1	11	1	11
9	Western Province	18 - 21 March 2016	17	13	4	0	7	10	4	13
10	Kwa Zulu Natal	31 March - 3 April 2016	11	7	4	0	5	6	4	7
	TEACHERS PLAY & STAY									
	Province	Date of Course	Number of Participants	Number Passed	Retakes	Failed	Male	Female	Black	White
1	Free State	5 - 6 September 2015	20							

	CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS									
	Province	Date of Course	Number of Participants	Number Passed	Retakes	Failed	Male	Female	Black	White
1	Mpumalanga	15 August 2015	16				12	4	1	15
2	Gauteng East	6 September 2015	32				24	8	4	28
3	Western Province	24 September 2015	39				27	12	7	32
4	Boland	25 September 2015	42				26	16	2	40
5	Kwa Zulu Natal	17 - 18 October 2015	47				31	16	3	44
6	North West Province	07 November 2015	12				8	4	2	10
7	Free State & Northern Cape	14 November 2015	37				22	15	0	37
8	Gauteng North	22 November 2015	55				38	17	11	44
9	Eden	10 January 2016	16				12	4	2	14

10	Eastern Province	16 January 2016	9				7	2	1	8
11	Gauteng Central	31 January 2016	53				33	20	18	
	INSTRUCTOR									
	Province	Date of Course	Number of Participants	Number Passed	Retakes	Failed				
1	Gauteng North	1 - 2 Aug 2015 (Phase 2)	16	11	5	0	14	2	3	13
2	Gauteng North	3 - 11 Oct 2015 (Phase 1)	21				12	9	4	17
3	Gauteng North	27 - 29 Nov 2015 (Phase 2)	8	3	1	4	7	1	1	7
	ADVANCED INSTRUCTOR									
	Province	Date of Course	Number of Participants	Number Passed	Retakes	Failed	Male	Female	Black	White
1	TSA	2 - 7 October, 2015	9	6	1	2	7	2	3	6
	PROFESSIONAL									
	Province	Date of Course	Number of Participants	Number Passed	Retakes	Failed	Male	Female	Black	White
1	TSA	9 - 13 October, 2015	12	5	5	2	12	0	4	8

CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

Continuous education kicked off with workshops held in 11 provinces. The CPE point system will run over a 3 years cycle making it possible for those not getting the required number of CPE points to make it up over time.

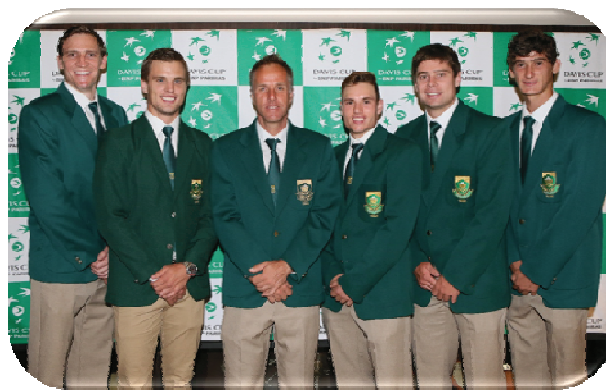
TOURING COACHES

All licensed coaches were invited to make themselves available to be TSA Junior touring coaches. A panel consisting of Board Member Bridget Visee together with Gustav Fichardt, Rowena Sanders and Annette du Plooy adjudicated the applications and made recommendations to the TSA Board.

FINANCES

Coach's fees are R1645 for a Level 1, 2 & 3 and R1420 for a Play Tennis Coach inclusive of VAT, TSA fees totaling R550, Provincial Fees of R150, ITF iCoach fees and CPE Workshop fees of R500. Courses are run on the basis of no cost to TSA.

9 PERFORMANCE TENNIS



38th ITF/CAT African Closed Junior Championship U18, 05 April - 12 April 2015- Egypt

Court Surface: Clay – Outdoor

Players and Coaches:

Boys:

Lloyd Harris
Brandon Laubser
Francois Kellerman
Okkie Kellerman
JD Malan

Coaches: Stephan De Kock

Girls:

Katie Poluta
Zani Barnard
Lee Barnard
Jv Rensburg Rouxanne
Huibre-Mare Botes

Pieter Norval

Boys Results:

Okkie Kellerman lost to G.A K OUATTARA in the 3 rd round	4-6 3-6
Brandon Laubser lost to Y. Hossam in the QF	3-6 3-6
Francois Kellerman lost to A. Ahouda in the QF	6-2 3-6 4-6
Lloyd Harris lost to Y. Hossam in the Semi-final	2-6 4-6
Lloyd & Brandon beat A. Dougaz & M Kilani in the doubles final	7-6 (5) 6-1 to claim gold.

Girls Results:

R. Atik beat Rouxane Jv Rensburg in 3 rd Round	6-4 6-3
I. Elnimr beat K. Poluta in the 3 rd Round	6-3 6-3
S. Samir beat H. Botes in 3 rd Round	6-0 6-0
C. Bechri beat L. Barnard in 3 rd Round	6-1 6-2
Zani Barnard lost to I. Ibbou in the Semi-final	0-6 2-6
Rouxane & Katie lost in the semi-final	
Lee & Zani lost in the semi-final also	

ITF/CAT Southern African Juniors Camp 3 to 6 May:

Only 1 Boy and 1 girl U14 were invited for the camp, which was to be initially held in Mozambique but was moved to Botswana for safety reasons.

Players were:

Montsi Khololwam

Christine Kruger (** replacing Maria Mostert who was suffering from a Hip injury). A number of self-funded players also participated and will be reflected in the results.

JTI Co-ordinator:

Thabo Matlhaela

Circuit Week 1: Botswana from 7 to 10 May**Players Participating****GU12**

Christine Kruger

Arista Siebrits

GU14

Lara Van der Merwe

BU12

Connor Kruger

BU14

Charl Morgan

Victor Putter

Kelvin Dlamini

Khololwam Montsi

Results Week 1:**GU12**

Siebrits went out in the 3rd round to Sibanda.S

Christine Kruger beat S. Introcaso in the final 6-2 6-2

BU12

Connor Kruger beat Hillinkare. C in the final 6-1 6-4

GU14

L. Van der Merwe beat Christine Kruger in the final 6-1 6-4

BU14

Victor Putter lost to Charl Morgan in the Semi-final 2-6 4-6

Dlamini.K lost in Quarter finals to Kok Kow ,C 4-6 4-6

In an all-South African Final, Morgan. C beat Montsi K 6-2 3-6 6-2

GD12

C. Kruger & Introcaso beat Machisa & Mahere in the final 6-3 6-3

BD14

Morgan C & Montsi K beat Dlamini K & Putter V in an all-South African final 7-6 (4) 7-6 (4)

GD14

Tsiang & Vd Merwe beat Munyulwa & Antkowiak in the final to claim Gold 6-3 6-0

Results week 2:

GU12

Siebrits. A beat Introcaso. S in the final 6-0 0-6 10-7

BU12

T. TShivhase was beaten in 2nd round by Sibanda

C. Kruger beat D. Badenhorst in the final 7-5 7-6 (5)

GU14

Lara van der merwe beat Tsiang T in the final 6-0 6-2

BU14

Dlamini K beaten in the 2nd round by Nhavene B 6-1 6-0

Montsi K beat Putter V in the semi Final 7-5 7-5

Morgan C beat Monsti K in the South African 6-4 6-2

GD12

Introcaso & Siebrits beat Machisa & Mahere 7-6 (5) 2-6 10-8

BD12

Kruger & Badenhorst lost to Hillinrake & Mhwandagara in the Quarter finals 4-6 7-5 10-6

GD14

Kruger & Tsiang beat Antkowiak & Munyulwa in the final 6-3 7-5

BD14

Morgan & Montsi beat Putter & Dlamini in the final 6-2 6-2

ITF /CAT Junior ITF Tour to North Africa 21 April to 16th May, 2015

Players invited as part of the ITF Development Grand Slam fund were:

- Richard Thongoana
- Lee Barnard
- Zani Barnard

ITF/CAT Tunisia Jnr Tournament – Tunis 21st April – 25th April, 2015

Richard Thongoana lost in the Quarter final to Amine AHOUDA (MAR) [2] 2-6 1-6

Katarina KOPCALIC (CAN) [8] beat Lee BARNARD (RSA) [4] 2-6 6-2 6-3 in QF

Katarina KOPCALIC (CAN) [8] beat Zani BARNARD (RSA) 6-7(1) 6-1 6-1 in the final

Doubles:

Lee BARNARD (RSA) / Zani BARNARD (RSA) beat Georgina AXON (GBR) / Lesedi JACOBS (NAM) 7-5 6-7(5) [10-3 in the final to win the Gold.

9ème Tournoi International Juniors de Tlemcen- ALGERIA 27st April – 2nd May, 2015

Richard THONGOANA (RSA) beaten by Mohamed OUALHA (TUN) [4] 6-2 3-0 Retired in 2nd round.

Lexie STEVENS (NED) beat Lee BARNARD (RSA) [3] 7-6(3) 6-0 in 2nd round

Ines IBBOU (ALG) [1] beat Zani BARNARD (RSA) [2] 6-1 6-0 in the final

ITF/CAT North African Circuit-MOROCCO, Casablanca - 4th – 9th May, 2015

Seppe CUYPERS (BEL) beat Richard THONGOANA (RSA) [4]7-5 6-0 in Round 2 of Qualifying draw.

Schena BENAMAR (FRA) beat Lee BARNARD (RSA) [3]7-6(2) 1-6 6-1 in Round 1, main draw.

Varvara GRACHEVA (RUS) beat Zani BARNARD (RSA) [2]6-4 6-4 in Round 2

RUC Tennis Junior Open – Casablanca – 11 – 16th May, 2015

Seppe CUYPERS (BEL) beat Richard THONGOANA (RSA) [8] 6-1 6-1 in Round 1

Vicky GEURINCKX (BEL) beat Lee BARNARD (RSA) [2]3-6 6-4 6-2 in Round 2

Zaineb EL HOUARI (MAR) beat Zani BARNARD (RSA) [1]6-1 6-2 in Quarter finals

ITF Junior Team Competition- Africa Qualifying 09-13 June 2015- Egypt**Team and Coaches:****U14 Girls**

Lara Van Der Merwe

Carmen Fichardt

Delien Kleinhans

U16 Girls:

Zani Barnard

Lee Barnard

Mila Hartig

U14 Boys

Charl Morgan

Joubert Klopper

Khololwam Montsi

U16 Boys:

Richard Thongoana

Joshua Howard-Tripp

Bertus Kruger

Coaches: Roxanne Clarke girls U14, Denton Meintjes boys u14, Terrey Schweitzer girls u16 &

Allan Karam boys u16

Host Country:

Egypt

Court Surface:

Red Clay

Results:**Tuesday 09 June 2015****WJT Girls (G14)**

Egypt beat South Africa 2-1

Junior Davis Cup

South Africa beat Morocco 3-0

WJT Boys (B14)

Tunisia beat South Africa 2-1

Wednesday 10 June 2015**Junior Fed Cup**

South Africa beat Morocco 1-2

WJT Girls (G14)

Burundi beat South Africa 3-0

WJT Boys (B14)

Morocco beat South Africa 3-0

Thursday 11 June 2015**Junior Davis Cup**

South Africa beat Egypt 3-0

Friday 12 June 2015**Junior Fed Cup**

South Africa beat Mauritius 3-0

WJT Girls (G14)

Morocco beat South Africa 3-0

WJT Boys (B14)

Algeria beat South Africa 2-1

Saturday 13 June 2015**Junior Fed Cup**

Egypt beat South Africa 2-0

Junior Davis Cup

South Africa beat Tunisia 2 - 0

WJT Girls (G14)

South Africa beat Tunisia 2-0

WJT Boys (B14)

Egypt beat South Africa 3-0

DAVIS CUP: South Africa vs. Ireland, Irene Country Club, 17 – 19 July, 2015

South Africa played Ireland in a second round tie to remain in Euro/Africa Davis Cup Group at Irene Country Club from 17 – 19 July, 2015.

Team:

Fritz Wolmarans

Tucker Vorster

Ruan Roelofse

Dean O'Brien

Captain: Earl Grainger

Result: South Africa won 5 – 0

Fritz Wolmarans bt James McGee 7-6 (0) 1-6 6-3 6-4

Tucker Vorster bt Sam Barry 6-1 6-7 (4) 7-6 (5) 6-4

Dean O'Brien & Ruan Roelofse bt James Cluskey & David O'Hare 7-6 (4) 6-4 6-3

Tucker Vorster bt James McGee 6-1 7-5

Ruan Roelofse bt Sam Barry 6-4 6-3

U12 International Tour: Nations Cup: Italy, Brescia 13-19 July 2015.

The number 1 boy & girl U12 together with two players rated in the top 3 of under 12 were invited to make themselves available to tour Italy to practice at an Academy on clay and then participate in a privately run international team event named Nations Cup. The cost per player was calculated at R 29 000 per player. Two players ranked better, Christine Kruger & Maria Mostert declined on the grounds of unaffordability. The final team:

Boys: Andreas Scott (GC) and Carl Roothman (BOL)

Girls: Kristin Fichardt (FS) and Arista Siebrits (GC)

Coach: Jared Temlett

They were hosted by the AIG Italy group for a couple of days at the Glamour Hotel where they had a pre-tournament training camp. The cost of accommodation and meals were sponsored by Heinrich Dannhauser, a former top junior. His motivation was that he had received so much from tennis as a junior by the national federation arranging tournaments that he felt that it was his way of saying thank you.

Results:

Round Robin:

Day 1: Boys bt Slovenia 2 – 1Boys.

Andreas Scott lost Jan Dimitrijevic 2-6 4-6

Carl Roothman bt won Jon Lan Suntar 6-3 7-6 (7-3)

Doubles Scott & Roothman bt Jan Dimitrijevic/Lun Obrul 6-7 (6-8) 6-2 1

Girls lost Slovenia 0 -3

Kristen Fichardt lost Maja Zucchiati 1-6 1-6

Arista Siebrits lost Nika Strasek 6-1 6-7 (5-7) 1-6

Doubles Fichardt/Siebrits lost Taja Loncaric/Maja Zucchiati 5-7 2-6

Day 2: Boys bt Bosnia 3 – 0

Andreas Scott beat Nikola Zekic 2-6 6-0 6-0

Carl Roothman beat Dorde Jankovic 6-4 6-1

Doubles Scott/Roothman beat Nikola Zekic/Tarik Redzic 6-0 6-1

Girls lost Bosnia 0 – 3

Kristen Fichardt lost Ena Baltic 4-6 1-6

Arista Siebrits lost Sara Mikaca 4-6 3-6

Doubles Fichardt/Siebrits lost Ena Baltic/Sara Mikaca 2-6 6-2 7-10

Day 3: Boys lost Canada 1 – 2

Andreas Scott lost Marko Stakusic 5-7 3-6

Carl Roothman lost Ashton Cross 2-6 6-0 4-6

Doubles Roothman/Scott bt Stakusic/Alex Lu 6-4 2-6 11-9

Girls lost Canada 0 – 3

Kristen Fichardt lost Rachel Kimiko Krzyzak 0-6 0-6

Arista Siebrits lost Melodie Collard 0-6 2-6

Doubles lost Daria Tomashevskaya/Rachel Kimiko Krzyzak 0-9

South Africa finished 2nd in their group and then played France, the winner of the other group

Cross Over: South Africa lost France 0 - 2
Andreas Scott lost Medhi Sadaoui (FRA) 46 26
Carl Roothman lost Leo Raquin (FRA) 06 57

Overall an encouraging result from the boy's perspective, a complete reversal from the 2014 result. The girls had a tough time, bearing in mind it was the number 3 & 4 players. However, it is doubtful whether numbers 1 & 2 would have made much difference.

U12 International Tour: Coupe Le Blanc, CANADA 10-16 August 2015,

This was also a self-funded tour with a price tag of R 35 000. Again the top two girls were not available due to the cost implications and number 3 and 5 in South Africa went.

Boys: Andreas Scott (GC) and Carl Roothman (BOL) **Girls:** Lenka Steenkamp (BOL) and Arista Siebrits (GC)
Coach: Pieter Norval

Results:

Just as in Italy, the boys were competitive, but the girls nowhere to be found. The event was dogged by persistent rain and was played on outdoor clay and at short notice, fast indoor. Twelve countries participated and played in two groups of 6.

U12 ITF Talent Identification Project, Casablanca Morocco 26 Aug – 06 Sept 2015.

The ITF invited the Top 2 girls and 1 Boy in the 12&under age group for the annual talent ID Project hosted at the ITF Centre in Casablanca Morocco. The players travelled with Riaan Kruger. ITF made available a travel grant for 70% of the air fares and TSA charged the Parents R3500 to cover the difference.

The invited players were: **Girls:** Christine Veronica Kruger & Maria Catharina Mostert. **Boy:** Carl Roothman

The players participated in the camp and then played for the Southern Africa team against North, East & West African teams. South finished 2nd. After that an individual was played, but the ITF does not release the results in line with the policy of not promoting individual international play at U12 level. Two sets of parents travelled to watch.

Commonwealth Youth Games, Samoa 29 Aug – 11 Sep 2015.

SASCOC advised Tennis South Africa that tennis had been included in this years' Commonwealth Youth Games that were hosted in Samoa from 29 August until 11 September 2015. With the event being held in Samoa which is a very small country, numbers of participants for all countries are being limited and South Africa had been allocated 2 spots. The commonwealth youth games is a very prestigious competition and an opportunity to gain national colours, but carries no ITF / TSA ranking points. TSA nominated the strongest girl and boy as per ITF rankings, however the players had to confirm availability for the tour.

Selected Players:

Boy: Damon Kesaris (KZN)

Girl: Zani Barnard (GC)

Coach: Natalie Grandin

Results:

Round Robin:

Day 1: Zani Barnard [2] bt Nabila Yusri (MAL) 7-5 6-3
Damon Kesaris [2] bye

Day 2: Damon Kesaris bt Semisi Fanguna 6-3 6-2

Girls Quarter-Final: Zani Barnard bt Marieta Nhamitambo (MOZ) 6-1 6-2

Mixed-Doubles: BARNARD/KESARIS lost to MCCLELLAND/LUMSDEN 2-6 4-6

Day 3: Boys Quarter-Final: Damon Kesaris [2] lost to Ewen Lumsden (SCO) [6] 4-1 Ret. (33')

Girls Semi-Final: Zani Barnard [2] lost to Lesedi Jacobs (NAM) [3] 2-6 5-7

Day 4: Girls Pos.3-4 Play-off: Zani Barnard [2] lost to Violet Apisah (PNG) 2-6 Ret.

Junior Davis Cup, Madrid Spain 29 Sep – 014 Oct 2015,

Following the results recorded at the Junior Davis Cup Africa Qualifiers hosted in Egypt, South Africa had qualified to participate in the Junior Davis Cup Finals in Madrid-Spain.

Boys: Richard Thongoana (GC), Joshua Howard-Tripp (GC), Bertus Kruger (GC)

Coach: Allan Karam

Results:

Day 1	Australia[2]	South Africa	3-0
	1 POPYRIN, Alexei	HOWARD-TRIPP, Joshua	6-2 6-2
	2 DE MINAUR, Alex	THONGOANA, Richard	6-3 6-0
	POPYRIN, Alexei ELLIS, Blake	KRUGER, Albertus THONGOANA, Richard	6-2 6-0
Day 2	Germany[5]	South Africa	2-1
	1 MOELLER, Marvin	KRUGER, Albertus	6-2 7-6(1)
	2 KUHN, Nicola	HOWARD-TRIPP, Joshua	6-2 6-0
	TODOROV, Maximilian KUHN, Nicola	KRUGER, Albertus THONGOANA, Richard	7-5 4-6 1-6
Day 3	Colombia	South Africa	3-0
	1 MEJIA, Nicolas	THOWARD-TRIPP, Joshua	6-3 6-2
	2 HERNANDEZ, Sergio	THONGOANA, Richard	6-4 6-0
	MEJIA, Nicolas HOYOS, Alejandro	KRUGER, Albertus THONGOANA, Richard	0-6 6-2 6-2
Day 4	Play-Off		
	Spain	South Africa	2-1
	1 FERNANDEZ CANOVAS, Andres	HOWARD-TRIPP, Joshua	2-6 7-6(5) 6-4
	2 SANCHEZ-IZQUIERDO VIVAR, Nikolas	THONGOANA, Richard	7-6(2) 6-1
	SANCHEZ-IZQUIERDO VIVAR, Nikolas FERNANDEZ CANOVAS, Andres	KRUGER, Albertus THONGOANA, Richard	2-6 3-6
Day 4	Play-Off 13-16		
	Hong Kong	South Africa	1-2
	1 SOU, Ming Chun Alan	KRUGER, Albertus	3-6 1-6
	2 LAM, Ching	THONGOANA, Richard	3-6 2-6
	SOU, Ming Chun Alan CHEUNG, Ngai Long	HOWARD-TRIPP, Joshua THONGOANA, Richard	6-2 6-1

The International Club Africa Junior Challenge 16 – 18 Oct 2015.

The South Africa International Club hosted the African Junior Challenge, participating countries were: South Africa, Botswana and Lesotho. U16 Junior boys and girls were informed and were requested to confirm availability. The final Team:

Girls: Zani Barnard & Lee Barnard, **Boys:** Jordan Sauer & Joshua Howard-Tripp

Coach: Terrey Schweitzer

As the hosting nation South Africa had the privilege to enter an Invitation team, the opportunity was given to players available during the time of the tournament.

Girls: Samantha Johnson & Bianca Koen, **Boys:** Mehluli Sibanda & Paul Schweiger

The tournament was hosted at The German Club, Witkoppen, Johannesburg.

Results:

Day 1: South Africa vs Lesotho

Boys Singles:	Joshua Howard-Tripp bt Lerato	6-0 6-0
	Jordan Sauer bt Lethlohonolo	6-0 6-0
Girls Singles:	Lee Barnard bt Maisa	6-0 6-0
	Zani Barnard bt Tsenolo	6-1 6-0
Boys Doubles:	Howard-Tripp/Sauer bt Lethlohonolo/Lerato	6-0 6-0
Girls Doubles:	Barnard. L / Barnard. Z bt Maisa / Tsenolo	6-1 6-0

Day 2: South Africa vs IC Invitational

Boys Singles:	Joshua Howard-Tripp bt Mehluli Sibanda	6-2 5-7 10-5
	Jordan Sauer bt Paul Schweiger	6-1 6-2
Girls Singles:	Lee Barnard bt Bianca Koen	6-2 5-7 12-10
	Zani Barnard bt Samantha Johnson	6-3 6-2
Boys Doubles:	Howard-Tripp/Sauer bt Sibanda/ Schweiger	7-5 6-2
Girls Doubles:	Barnard. L / Barnard. Z bt Koen / Johnson	6-4 6-3

Day 3: South Africa vs Botswana

Boys Singles:	Joshua Howard-Tripp bt Best Ndebele	6-0 6-0
	Jordan Sauer bt Thato Holmes	6-1 6-1
Girls Singles:	Lee Barnard bt Tshgofatso Tsiang	6-1 6-1
	Zani Barnard bt Thato Madikwe	6-1 6-1
Boys Doubles:	Howard-Tripp/Sauer bt Ndebele/Holmes	6-0 6-1
Girls Doubles:	Barnard. L / Barnard. Z bt Tsiang/ Madikwe	6-1 6-0

TSA Junior Masters 08th – 11th 2015

The event was played at the Strand Tennis Club from the 08th – 11th October 2015. Players were invited in ranking order and were not available replaced in ranking order. Under 18 girl's category proved very challenging and in the end only 4-Players participated.

The Final Standings:

GS 18	1	Mila Hartig	MENLOPARK HIGH
	2	Nicole Mima Petchey	TABLE VIEW TENNIS CLUB
	3	Femcke Van Rensburg	MENLO-ALKANT Tennis Club
	4	Nadia D Van Heerden	JEPPE QUONDAM TENNIS CLUB
BS 18	1	Jan-Louis Maritz	COUNTRY CLUB TENNIS CLUB
	2	Joshua Howard-Tripp	JEPPE QUONDAM TENNIS CLUB
	3	Timothy Stewart Dollman	TABLE VIEW TENNIS CLUB
	4	Calvin Jordaan	TABLE VIEW TENNIS CLUB
	5	Michael Ross Copeland	BRYANSTON SPORTS CLUB
	6	Nikolai Manchev	ACE TENNIS CLUB
	7	Dylan Walters	BOSKRUIN TENNIS CLUB
	8	Cameron TERENCE Petersen	OLD EDWARDIAN TENNIS CLUB
	9	Jandre' Lessing	DESPATCH
	10	Marno Stander	PINELANDS TENNIS CLUB
	11	Altus Karsten	PAARL TENNIS CLUB
	12	Charles Morkel	STRAND
	13	Juan-Louis Van Antwerpen	MARKS PARK
	14	George Botha	GREY COLLEGE HIGH
	15	Freddie Van Der Merwe	DURBANVILLE HIGH
	16	Matthew Astell	COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG
GS 16	1	Minette Van Vreden	STELLENBOSCH HIGH
	2	Maxine Bateman	UMHLALI COUNTRY CLUB
	3	Corin Olivier De Waal	STRAND
	4	Margo Landmann	BETHLEHEM TENNIS CLUB
	5	Ciney Bekker	KUILSRIVIER TENNIS CLUB

	6	Megan Lombardi	KUILSRIVIER TENNIS CLUB
	7	Tayla Van Eck	MORNINGSIDE TENNIS CLUB
	8	Angela Georgieva	GERMAN TENNIS CLUB
	9	Maja Gledic	BEDFORDVIEW COUNTRY CLUB
	10	Bianca Koen	KOEDOEPARK Tennis Club
	11	Samantha Johnson	PARKRAND TENNIS CLUB
	12	Jessica Assenmacher	RANDBURG TENNIS CLUB
	13	Lize-Alet Morkel	STRAND
	14	Caitlin Klaassen	BRYANSTON SPORTS CLUB
	15	Janneke Turck	SOMERSET WEST
	16	Anesipho Mgcawu	MONDEOR SPORTS CLUB
BS 16	1	Rossouw Norval	STELLENBOSCH HIGH
	2	Bertus Kruger	WANDERERS TENNIS CLUB
	3	Jordan Craig Sauer	MENLO-ALKANT Tennis Club
	4	James Alwyn Roelofse	Franschhoek Tennis Club
	5	Christian Van Der Wath	PAUL ROOS HIGH
	6	Thembo Makhanya	MITCHELL PARK TENNIS CLUB
	7	Siphosothando Montsi	CURRO HIGH
	8	Matthew Paul Johnson	CONSTANTIA TENNIS CLUB
	9	Justin Liebenberg	WANDERERS TENNIS CLUB
	10	Christiaan Wiid Worst	BELGRAVE Tennis Club
	11	Hugh Alwin Morgan	ARTHUR ASHE
	12	James Charl Weatherhead	CSIR Tennis Club
	13	Heinrich Willemse	DESPATCH
	14	Taine Ross Bernhard	SANDTON SPORTS CLUB
	15	Kyle G Johnson	BRYANSTON SPORTS CLUB
	16	Jonathan Bulmer	BOSKRUIN TENNIS CLUB

GS 14	1	Lara Van Der Merwe	POTCHBUITEKLUB
	2	Carmen Fichardt	SA OUDSTUDENTE TENNISKLUB
	3	Cara O'Flaherty	RANDBURG TENNIS CLUB
	4	Delien Kleinhans	EUNICE PRIMARY
	5	Rochelle Pienaar	STELLENBOSH LAERSKOOL
	6	Gizelle Naude	BOTHAVILLE TENNIS CLUB
	7	Bianca Wolmarans	BLOEMHOF HIGH
	8	Evangeline Du Toit	RECREATION CLUB
	9	Makayla Conlin Loubser	PINELANDS TENNIS CLUB
	10	Megan Basson	FAIRLAND TENNIS CLUB
	11	Myah Michelle Petchey	TABLE VIEW TENNIS CLUB
	12	Isabella Emmare Weatherhead	CSIR Tennis Club
	13	Marne Dercksen	ORANJE MEISIES HOER
	14	Elanie Brand	ADAMANTIA HIGH
	15	Mia Dittberner	LYNNWOOD GLEN Tennis Club
	16	Takalani Molaoa	POLOKWANE
BS 14	1	Philip Henning	SA OUDSTUDENTE TENNISKLUB
	2	Pierre Malan	CURRO HIGH
	3	Joubert Klopper	GREY PRIMARY
	4	Charl Morgan	ARTHUR ASHE
	5	Victor Putter	MIDSTREAM Tennis Club
	6	Benedict Owen Kohler	WESTVILLE TENNIS CLUB
	7	Andrew Wayne Freel	BENONI COUNTRY CLUB
	8	Thando Longwe-Smit	PINELANDS TENNIS CLUB
	9	Dylan Stephen Smith	BEACON BAY TENNIS CLUB
	10	Kent Joubert	RIVER RIDGE TENNIS CLUB
	11	Wikus Robbertse	PAUL ROOS HIGH
	12	Justin Hendrik Cronje	GONUBIE TENNIS CLUB
	13	Tinus Eduard Lotz	BWES

	14	Robbie Owen Arends	WPCC
	15	Christo Lamprecht	OUTENIQUA HIGH
	16	Damien Nezar	GEORGE TENNIS CLUB
GS 12	1	Alta Brink	LAER MEISIESKOOL
	2	Ane Lochner De Waal	STRAND
	3	Christine Kruger	ORANJE MEISIES LAER
	4	Arista Mirigeum Siebrits	KOEDOEPARK Tennis Club
	5	Maria CATHARINA Mostert	BOTHAVILLE TENNIS CLUB
	6	Maretha Burger	LAERSKOOL ASHTON
	7	Lenka Steenkamp	EIKESTAD LAERSKOOL
	8	Kristen Fichardt	SA OUDSTUDENTE TENNISKLUB
	9	Jessica Wade	ALBERHART TENNIS CLUB
	10	Ine Lamprecht	TUKS Tennis Club
	11	Kylie Misdorp	DURBAN NORTH TENNIS CLUB
	12	Gabriella Broadfoot	ALBERHART TENNIS CLUB
	13	Sophia Finestone	WESTVIEW TENNIS CLUB
	14	Anelma Grobler	STELLENBOSH LAERSKOOL
	15	Logan Heyns	DESPATCH
	16	Line Greyling	KOVIE TENNISKLUB
BS 12	1	Khololwam Montsi	CURRO HAZELDENE PRIMARY
	2	Andreas Peter Scott	FAIRLAND TENNIS CLUB
	3	Carl Roothman	STELLENBOSH LAERSKOOL
	4	Daniël Johannes Wessels	RIVERSDAL
	5	Devin Shaun Badenhorst	RIETONDALE Tennis Club
	6	Connor Kruger	CORNWALL HILL PRIMARY
	7	Matthew Brown	GERMAN TENNIS CLUB
	8	William Zulch	PAARL TENNIS CLUB
	9	Rohan Christopher Loubser	PINELANDS TENNIS CLUB
	10	Joshua Retief Van Zyl	OLD EDWARDIAN TENNIS CLUB

11	Gerard Henning	SA OUDSTUDENTE TENNISKLUB
12	Yarona Kgosana Morule	BRYANSTON SPORTS CLUB
13	Jordan Gancho	NORTHMEAD TENNIS CLUB
14	Ethan Terblanche	VAAL TENNIS CLUB
15	Thomas James Rey	DURBAN COUNTRY CLUB
16	Steyn Dippenaar	RIF Tennis Club

CAT 14 & Under Junior Masters. Casablanca-Morocco 02-07 November 2015

The Top 8 ranked 14 & under boys and girls in Africa were invited to participate in the CAT 14 & under Junior Masters tournament hosted in Morocco. The tournament is by invitation only as per CAT's selection criteria:

- a.) 2 Players: Winner and Runner of the AJC U14 tournament held in Tunis in March 2015
- b.) 6 Players: Best ranked at the African 14 & Under Circuit on 28 September 2015

Team South Africa as per CAT's Invitation:

Boys		Girls	
Joubert Klopper	5th at CAT Ranking	Lara Van der Merwe	4th at the CAT Ranking
Charl Morgan	6th at the CAT Ranking	Carmen Fichardt	8th at the CAT Ranking

Coach: Ms. Teresa Schweitzer

Results: Round Robin

Day 1:	Joubert Klopper bt Michael Osewa (NGR)	6-0 6-0
	Charl Morgan Lost to Shakur Kabura (BUR)	0-6 3-6
	Lara van der Merwe Lost to Iariniama Tsantaniy (MAD)	6-4 4-6 6-7 (4)
	Carmen Fichardt bt Niyonkuru Aisha (BDI)	6-4 7-6 (3)
Day 2:	Joubert Klopper bt Damien Laporte (SEY)	6-3 6-3
	Charl Morgan Lost to Ismail Saadi (MAR)	4-6 2-6
	Lara van der Merwe Lost to Hiba El Khalifi (MAR)	6-4 3-6 4-6
	Carmen Fichardt Lost to Oumaima Aziz (MAR)	3-6 1-6
Day 3:	Joubert Klopper Lost to Soufiane El Mesbahi (MAR)	2-6 0-6
	Charl Morgan bt Daniel Goudjinou (TOD)	6-1 6-0
	Lara van der Merwe Lost to Sada Nahimana (BDI)	3-6 2-6
	Carmen Fichardt bt Barakat Quadre (NGR)	6-2 6-4

Day 4: Cross Play Offs

Joubert Klopper Lost to Ismail Saadi (MAR)	4-6 4-6
Carmen Fichardt Lost to Hiba El Khalifi (MAR)	1-6 1-6

Play Offs: 5th - 8th

Charl Morgan bt Damien Laporte (SEY)	3-6 7-5 6-2
Lara van der Merwe bt Barakat Quadre (NGR)	6-2 6-0

Day 5: Position Play- offs:

Joubert Klopper Lost to Shakur Kabura (BDI)	2-6 0-6 and finished 4 th in the Boys Overall.
Carmen Fichardt Lost to Hiba El Khalifi (MAR)	2-6 1-6 and finished 4 th in the Girls Overall.
Charl Morgan bt Michael Osewa (NGR)	6-1 6-3 and finished 5 th in the Boys Overall.
Lara van der Merwe Lost to Iariniama Tsantanioy (MAD)	4-6 6-4 6-7 (4) and finished 8 th .

Final Standings:**BOYS:**

1. Saadi Ismail (MAR)
2. Kabura Abdul Shakur (BDI)
3. El Mesbahi Soufiane (MAR)
4. **Klopper Joubert (RSA)**
5. **Morgan Charl (RSA)**
6. Osewa Michael (NGR)
7. Laporte Damien (SEY)
8. Goudjinou Koffi Daniel (TOG)

GIRLS:

1. Aziz Oumaima (MAR)
2. Nahimana Sada (BDI)
3. El Khalifi Hiba (MAR)
4. **Fichardt Carmen (RSA)**
5. Quadre Barakat (NGR)
6. Niyonkuru Aisha (BDI)
7. Tsantaniony Iariniama (MAD)
8. **Van Der Merwe Lara (RSA)**

CURRO Junior ITF's

The 2 Curro Dross Junior ITF's Grade 5, were held in Stellenbosch. Week 1: 19-23 Oct & Week 2 : 26-30 Oct 2015

The Final results from the Curro Junior ITF Week 1 in Stellenbosch:**Girls Singles:**

Malony Eliz (GBR) [2] defeated Petchey Nicole (RSA) [1] 6-7 (5) 6-2 6-2

Girls Doubles:

Bateman M / Petchey N (RSA) Lost to Bekker C / Hartig M (RSA) 6-7 3-6

Boys Singles:

Kruger Bertus (RSA) [2] defeated Dollman Timothy (RSA) [1] 1-6 6-1 6-4

Boys Doubles:

Du Toit D / Roelofse J (RSA) defeated Astell M / Kruger B (RSA) 6-4 7-5 10-8

The Final results from the Curro Junior ITF Week 2 in Stellenbosch:

Singles Boys Finals

2-Bertus Kruger bt 1-Timothy Dollman 1-6 6-2 6-3

Singles Girls Finals

2-Eliz Maloney (GBR) bt 1-Nicole Petchey 6-4 6-2

Boys Doubles Finals

6-Philip Henning/George Botha bt 1-Timothy Dollman/Bertus Kruger 6-1 0-6 10-6

Girls Doubles Finals

Daevenia Achong (Ned)/Annick Verhaar (Ned) bt 1-Amelie Boy (Mri)/Imaan Hassim 6-1 6-0

AUS OPEN JNR Tour: Australia, 14 – 30 January 2016

Tennis South Africa juniors Lee and Zani Barnard travelled to Australia and participated in 2 tournaments.

AGL Loy Yang Traralgon Junior International 16- 21 January 2016

Singles:

Lee lost to L. Kankova (CZE) 5-7 6-7 in Round of 64

Zani lost to K. Juvan (SLO) 6-4 1-6 4-6 in Round of 64

Doubles:

Lee /Zani Barnard (RSA) lost to Kruijer (NED) / Minca (ROU) [WC] 6-3 6-1 in the Final.

Australian Open Junior Championships 23 - 30 January 2016

Singles:

Lee lost to B. Thamchaiwat (THA) 6-4 6-3 in round of 64

Zani lost to C. Busca (ESP) 3-6 6-3 6-4

Doubles:

Lee /Zani BARNARD (RSA) lost to LIN / STAINES (AUS) [WC] 6-3 4-6 [10- 6]

Southern African Junior Championships – Zonals 09 – 16 January 2016

South Africa was awarded the opportunity to host the Southern African Junior Championships, known as Zonals. The tournament was hosted at the University of Pretoria – HPC, at the Tuks Tennis Courts. With South Africa as host, we were given the opportunity to enter 2-teams for the event.

The teams were selected as follows:

BOYS U12 A	FROM:	GIRLS U12 A	FROM:
1. DEVIN BADENHORST	Gauteng	1. GABRIELA BROADFOOT	Gauteng
2. GERARD JOHN HENNING	Free State	2. SUZANIE PRETORIUS	Free State
BOYS U12 B		GIRLS U12 B	
3. ROHAN LOUBSER	Western Province	3. LINE GREYLING	Free State
4. BENJAMIN DAVIDYAN	Western Province	4. NALEDI MANYUBE	George
BOYS U14 A		GIRLS U14	
1. KHOLO MONTSI	Gauteng	1. LARA V.D MERWE	NWP
2. DAMIEN NEZAR	George	2. MAKAYLA LOUBSER	Western Province
BOYS U14 B		GIRLS U14 B	
3. CARL ROOTMAN	Western Province	3. DELIEN KLEYNHANS	Free State
4. ANDREAS SCOTT	Gauteng	4. ROCHELLE PIENAAR	Western Province
BOYS U16 A		GIRLS U 16 A	
1. PHILIP BARRY HENNING	Free State	1. MAJA GLEDIC	Gauteng
2. JUSTIN LIEBENBERG	Gauteng	2. CORIN DE WAAL	Western Province
BOYS U16 B		GIRLS U16 B	
3. PIERRE MALAN	Western Province	3. ANGELA GEORGIEVA	Gauteng
4. THANDO LONGWE-SMIT	Western Province	4 KAYLIN BOUWER	Eastern Province

Coaches:

Ms. Helen Barrett, Mr. MC Olivier, Mr. Thabo Mathlaela, Mr. Andrew Schenk

Results:**Boys 12 & Under:****Singles:**

Devin Badenhorst (RSA) beat Connor van Schakwyk in the Singles Finals 6-0 7-5

Gerard Henning (RSA) beat Benjamin Davidyan (RSA) 6-0 6-1 ending 5th and 6th respectively.

Rohan Loubser (RSA) beat Jake Ching (MRI) 6-4 6-3 ending 7th

Doubles:

Badenhorst / Henning (RSA) [1] beat Lai Fat Fur / Lam Hau Chi (MRI) in the final 6-7 6-2 10-2

Girls 12 & Under:**Singles:**

Gabriella Broadfoot (RSA) beat Line Greyling (RSA) 6-2 6-1 in the final.

Suzani Pretorius (RSA) beat Nomenjanahary Safidisoa (MAD) 6-4 6-0 to finish 5th

Naledi Manyube (RSA) lost to Malika Ramasawmy (MRI) 4-6 6-0 15-13 to finish 8th

Doubles:

Broadfoot / Pretorius (RSA) [1] beat Matukutire / Machisa (ZIM) [2] 6-2 6-2 in the final

Greyling / Manyube (rsa) [3] lost to Matukutire / Machisa (ZIM) [2] in the semi-final.

Boys 14 & Under:**Singles:**

Carl Roothman (RSA) beat Jason Espatalier Noel (MRI) in the final 7-5 6-4

Andreas Scott lost to Codie van Schalkwyk (NAM) 0-6 6-3 4-6 to finish 4th

Khololwam Montsi (RSA) beat Ranoiva Toky (MAD) to finish 5th

Damien Nezar (RSA) beat Chistopher Fok Kow (MRI) 7-5 6-1 to finish 7th

Doubles:

Nezar / Scott (RSA) [3] lost to Espatalier-Noel / Fok-Kow (MRI) [2] in the Semi-finals 6-2 6-4

Montsi / Roothman (RSA) [1] Lost To Espatalier-Noel / Fok-Kow (MRI) [2] in the final 6-4 6-4

Girls 14 & Under:**Singles:**

Delien Kleinhans (RSA) beat Makayla Loubser (RSA) in the Final 6-2 6-4

Lara v.d Merwe (RSA) beat Rochelle Pienaar (RSA) 6-2 6-1 ending 3rd and 4th respectively.

Doubles:

Loubser / V.D Merwe (RSA) [1] beat Kleinhans / Pienaar (RSA) [2] 6-2 6-4 in the final, ending 1st and 2nd.

Boys 16 & Under:**Singles:**

Philip Henning (RSA) beat Justin Leibenberg (RSA) 6-2 6-4 in the Final.

Pierre Malan (RSA) beat Nyathi Motlojoa (LES) 6-0 6-3, to end 3rd

Thando Longwe-Smit (RSA) beat Robeson Dimitri (MAD) 7-6 (9) 6-1

Doubles:

Henning / Leibenberg (RSA) [1] beat Longwe-Smit / Malan (RSA) [2] 6-2 6-3 in the Final, ending 1st and 2nd respectively.

Girls 16 & Under:**Singles:**

Kaylin Bouwer (RSA) beat Corin De Waal (RSA) 1-6 6-4 6-2 in the final.

Maja Gledic (RSA) beat Angela Georgieva (RSA) 7-5 3-6 6-1 to end 5th and 6th respectively.

Doubles:

Bouwer / Georgieva (RSA) beat De Waal / Gledic (RSA) [1] in the final 7-6 3-6 10-3

FED CUP , Eilat – Israel, 31 January – 6 February 2016.

The South African Fed Cup Team was promoted to the Europe/Africa Zone Group I after a successful run in the Fed Cup Tie in 2015.

Selected Team:

Chanel SIMMONDS

Madrie LE ROUX

Ilze HATTINGH

Michelle SAMMONS

Captain: Earl Grainger

Results:**SOUTH AFRICA 0 – 3 GEORGIA**

M. Le Roux lost to E. Gorgodze 3-6 1-6

C. Simmonds lost to E. Shapatava 5-7 4-6

Hattingh / Sammons lost to Gorgodze / Kalashnikova 4-6 6-7

SOUTH AFRICA 0 – 3 GREAT BRITAIN

I Hattingh lost to K. Swan 3-6 0-6

C. Simmonds lost to H. Watson 3-6 3-6

Le roux / Sammons lost to Rae / Smith 3-6 2-6

SOUTH AFRICA 0 – 2 HUNGARY – Relegation Play Off

I Hattingh lost to A. Bonder 0-6 1-6

C. Simmonds lost to R. Jani 0-6 3-6

Doubles NOT Played!

39th ITF / CAT AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, Tunisa, 08th – 13th February 2016

The tournament was hosted in Carthage, Tunisia. Players qualified for the event as per their ITF Ranking.

Boys:

Damon Kesaris

Richard Thongoana

Joshua Howard-Tripp

Bertus Kruger

Calvin Jordaan

Girls:

Zani Barnard

Lee Barnard

Nicole Petchey

Maxine Bateman

Nadine De Viliers

Coaches: Stephan De Kock & Jason Smit.

Results:**Boys Singles:**

Kesaris. D (RSA) lost to Hossam Youssef (EGY) in the Final 6-4 2-6 2-6

Howard-Tripp J (RSA) beat Thongoana. R (RSA) 6-3 6-3 to end 3rd and 4th respectively

Kruger. R (RSA) lost to Elkadi (EGY) W/O to finish 6th

Doubles:

Kesaris / Thongoana (RSA) [2] beat Abdel – Aziz / Hossam (EGY) [1] 7-6 (6) 6-2 in the Final

Howard-Tripp / Jordaan (RSA) [3] lost to De Beer / Rambojun (MRI) 7-6 6-1 QF

Girls Singles:

Barnard. Z (RSA) beat I Ibbou by W/O to end 3rd

Petchey. N (RSA) lost to Nahimana. S (BDI) 3-6 3-6 to finish 6th

Bateman. M (RSA) beat De Villiers. N 6-2 6-2 to end 11th and 12th respectively.

Barnard. L (RSA) beat Celestine Avomo (GAB) 6-2 6-2 to end 13th

Doubles:

De Villiers / Ncube (ZIM) lost to Bateman / Petchey (RSA) in R2

Bateman / Petchey (RSA) lost to Bechri (TUN)/ Ibbou (ALG) 6-1 6-1 QF

Barnard Z / Barnard L (RSA) lost to Aziz / El Jardi (MAR) 6-4 6-1 SF

Davis Cup, South Africa vs Luxembourg, 04-06 March 2016**Team Nominations:**

Tucker Vorster

Lloyd Harris

Ruan Roelofse

Dean O'Brien

Results:**04 March 2016**

Tucker VORSTER bt Alex KNAFF 6-1 6-4 6-4

Lloyd HARRIS bt Ugo NASTASI 6-1 6-4 6-4

05 March 2016

D. OBRIEN / R. ROELOFSE bt U. NASTASI / M. SCHEIDWEILER 6-3 7-5 6-2

06 March 2016

Tucker VORSTER bt Tom DIEDERICH 6-3 6-4

Lloyd HARRIS bt Alex KNAFF 6-2 6-1

South Africa to face Lithuania for Round 2

**1.6 39th ITF / CAT AFRICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 14 & under and 16 & Under, South Africa,
08th – 18th March 2016**

South Africa was awarded to Host the 39th ITF / CAT African Junior Championships 14 and 16 & Under Tournament. The event was hosted at the University of Pretoria – HPC, Tuks Tennis Courts. From 8th – 18th March 2016. Yet again South Africa as host country had the opportunity to enter 2-teams for the event.

The selected team:

GIRLS U/16's

A TEAM

1. Kaylin Bouwer
2. Corin DeWaal

B TEAM

1. Maja Gledic
2. Angela Georgieva

BOYS U/16

A TEAM

1. Philip Henning
2. Justin Liebenberg

B TEAM

1. Christiaan Worst
2. Thando Longwe-Smit

GIRLS U/14's

A TEAM

1. Lara van der Merwe
2. Makayla Loubser

B TEAM

1. Delien Kleinhans
2. Rochelle Pienaar

Boys U14's

A TEAM

1. Kholo
2. Carl Roothman

B TEAM

1. Andreas Scott
2. Damien Nezar

Results:

Boys 14 & Under

Kholo Montsi (RSA) beat Ryan Randiek (KEN) W/O to end 3rd

Connor Kruger (RSA) beat Elyes Marouani (MAR) 6-2 6-2 to finish 7th

Damien Nezar (RSA) beat Tinashe Taruberekera (ZIM) 6-2 6-7 12-10 to finish 9th

Andreas Scott (RSA) finished 15th (classification match cancelled due to rain)

Doubles:

Montsi/Scott (RSA) lost to Wamba / Alipoe (CMR) 6-2 7-5 - R1

Kruger / Nezar (RSA) lost to Coulibally/Ouattara 6-7 6-4 10-5- R1

Girls 14 & Under:

Makayla Loubser (RSA) beat Aisha Niyonkuru (BDI) 7-5 6-3 in the final

Lara V.d Merwe (RSA) beat Delien Kleinhans (RSA) to finish 3rd and 4th respectively.

Rochelle Peienaar (RSA) finished 15th

Doubles:

Loubser / Van Der Merwe (RSA) [1] beat Abouelsaad / Ali (EGY) 6-2 6-3 – FINALS

Pienaar / Kleinhans (RSA) lost to Abouelsaad / Ali (EGY) 6-2 3-6 10-7

Boys 16 & Under:

Philip Henning (RSA) lost to Yousef Khamis (EGY) 7-6 6-2 to finish 2nd

Justin Leibenberg (RSA) beat Soufiane El Mesbahi (MAR) 6-3 4-6 10-7 to finish 3rd

Christiaan Worst (RSA) ended 5th by W/O

Thando Longwe-Smit ended 12th (*classification match not played due to rain)

Doubles:

Henning / Liebenberg (RSA) [3] beat Worst / Longwe-Smit 6-2 6-4 – FINALS

Girls 16 & Under:

Corin De Waal (RSA) ended 3rd, opponent retired match.

Kaylin Bouwer (RSA) lost to Dalia Sherif (EGY) to finish 6th

Angela Georgieva (RSA) ended 12th

Maja Gledic(RSA) ended 16th

**both Angela and Maja's matches were not played due to rain*

Doubles:

Bouwer / De Waal (RSA) [3] lost to El Jardi / Aziz (MAR) [1] 7-5 6-2 - QF

Gledic / Georgieva (RSA) lost to Troubia / Benkaddour (ALG) 6-2 6-4 – R1

ITF TRAVEL GRANTS:

The following players received ITF travel grants:

Ilze Hattingh received \$2000

Zani Barnard received \$3500

Lloyd Harris received \$4000

Siphiso Thando Montsi \$1000

ITF Touring Teams:

Lara van der Merwe from NWP was the only player from South Africa to be selected for an ITF touring Team. ITF CAT 14 & Under Team to Europe: 3rd July – 8th August, 2015.

10 SENIORS



The **Seniors IPT** was hosted in **Cape Town** in April 2015. It was the largest IPT hosted since 2011, with 300 players! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the friendly, happy vibe the committee created and the venues were excellent! The Gala Dinner was hosted at Kenilworth Racecourse for 350 guests and was outstanding. Then, less than three weeks after the IPT, their second Seniors Tournament, the **2015 Cape Town Seniors**, was hosted from 8th to 11th May and once again they managed to attract a bumper entry for the past ten years and hosted a hugely successful event.

The **ranking system** approved at the last Seniors Workshop was still not implemented for this tournament as Daniel Meure in Holland refused to implement the necessary changes.

The **Eastern Province Seniors** tournament was hosted in Port Elizabeth from 29th May to the 1st June and once again had a much higher entry than previous years. The referee, Morne Gouws ran a very successful tournament considering that it was his first seniors provincial tournament!

Six Seniors teams left early in June to compete in the **Seniors World Team Championships in La Baule, France** and mostly finished around halfway in the final standings! Considering that we cannot practice at all on clay in South Africa, the results were very reasonable!

The **Gauteng North Seniors Tournament**, one of our flagship events, that was hosted at Groenkloof from 12th to the 16th June ran very smoothly thanks to the excellent work of the NSC Seeding Committee and our TSA Referee, Mpho Makhoba. Once again, there was a record entry.

The **Mpumalanga Seniors Tournament** held in Nelspruit is always run exceptionally well by Johann Greyling, Rouvaun Heyns and his Seniors team and the tournament this year was no exception! The tournament was run from 16th to the 19th July and the number of entries was once again the highest since 2010! The courts are excellent and the attention to detail displayed by the organising committee makes running a tournament there an absolute pleasure. The tennis was of a very high standard and

some of our top-ranked players participated. Unfortunately we had a fairly serious injury when one of the ladies fell on court and had to be hospitalised. She is recovering well after an operation. A casual braai held after tennis on the Friday evening was extremely well attended and the hospitality was superb.

The **KZN Seniors Tournament** held in Durban during August was very successfully run by Andrew Comrie, one of the stalwarts of Seniors Tennis! The entries were well up on last year and Dave Vincent and his team once again ensured that the players thoroughly enjoyed their time in KZN! The provision of food and refreshments courtside this year was extremely well received. The players also provided very positive feedback on the change of draws of 6 and 7 to double round robins with playoffs!

The **Super Seniors Inter-Provincial Tournament** held in Klerksdorp from 16th to 22nd August was rather disappointing in some respects. Firstly, the condition of the courts at the venue, Schoonspruit Tennis club was disappointing and complaints were received from a number of the players. Secondly, a number of provinces did not send any teams to compete and so the number of teams entered was smaller than expected. NWP provided excellent catering throughout the tournament and the functions were well organized. The Gatsby theme at the Gala Dinner proved to be a huge success!

The six Super Seniors teams selected to participate in the **Super Seniors World Team Championships** in Umag, Croatia from **21st Sept to 26th Sept** fly out next week! Many of them will also compete in the **Super Seniors World Individual Championships** the following week and we have two **World Champions** who are going to be defending their World Titles. **Petro Kruger**, who won two gold medals for winning the 70+ women's doubles and 70+ mixed doubles last year with fellow South African Kobus de la Port and a bronze medal for coming fourth in the 70+ women's singles and then **Jackie Zylstra** who won a gold medal for winning the 80+ women's doubles. They will both be receiving the traditional R2,000.00 contribution from the NSC towards their expenses to go and defend their titles!

The **Boland Seniors** and **North West Province Seniors** tournaments were once again run concurrently from 24th to the 27th August. The number of entries for both tournaments was up on last year. The one concern in NWP is the condition of some of the courts at Schoonspruit Tennis Centre, so alternative venues may need to be considered.

The **Young Seniors Inter-Provincial** was hosted by **Gauteng East** from **11th to 17th October**. Owen O' Neill, Chairman of GE Seniors really raised the bar and treated the players to a wonderful week of great tennis and hugely successful functions. **Compliments were received** from all quarters about the venues used as well as the entertainment provided. Johann Greyling and I ran the actual tournament together and have now got the processes and procedures fine-tuned after running a number of Seniors IPTs together. Johann is a huge asset to Seniors Tennis. Unfortunately the plans for him to qualify as a white badge referee before the 2017 Young Seniors World Championships being held in South Africa fell apart as the course was cancelled by the ITF.

The **Free State Seniors** tournament due to be held from **22nd to 25th October** had to be cancelled due to the small number of entries. The **timing** of this tournament was not ideal and has been changed for 2016 to August instead.

The **2015 National Seniors Workshop** was held earlier this year on **31st October** at Roedean School and was well-attended by Seniors Chairmen or their representatives from all the provinces. A **cocktail party** was held at the Sunnyside Hotel for all the delegates the evening before the workshop and was a perfect

way for everyone to get re-acquainted and exchange ideas. It was an extremely productive workshop, at which all the Chairmen presented **Provincial Reports** on the status of Seniors Tennis in their provinces. All the **planning** was done and **rule changes** finalized for **2016**. A **Memorandum of Operation for Seniors** was presented by Ronnie and approved by the delegates. **Ronnie van 't Hof** was elected as **Chairman of the NSC and Seniors Board Representative**. The **NSC members** for 2016 were also elected as per the **Memorandum of Operation**. **Nelene Gold**, Chairperson of WP Seniors, was confirmed as the task leader for hosting the **Young Seniors World Championships** to be held in Cape Town in **2017**. Jacques Pretorius did a brief presentation on **Cardio Tennis** for the delegates and **Ephraim Motsiane** outlined the progress around implementing the new software programme from **Sporty HQ** as best he could. Details around the implementation of Sporty HQ software remained unclear and an area of concern.

The **PSC** understandably expressed their concerns about the **non-implementation of the ranking system** as approved by them at the previous workshop. Ronnie van 't Hof and Andrew Comrie were given the mandate to pursue the implementation of a ranking system through **Rob Kruger** in Cape Town, in view of the fact that **Andrew Comrie**, who has a **Masters Degree in Statistics**, was able to produce the **correct ranking** for the NSC within a few days by adapting his own laptop application programme! The **correct ranking** was then used by the NSC to select the **Young Seniors going to Croatia in 2016**. Ronnie and Andrew met Rob Kruger in Cape Town and within 5 days an up-to-date ranking system was produced by Rob and visible on the **iTennis website**. This ranking system will now be used by Seniors for **seedings and selections** for the time being.

Support was expressed by the delegates for the possible re-introduction of the **Seniors Annual Subscription Fees**, which would go a long way to bridge the losses incurred on an annual basis. The proposed increases in tournament **fees for 2016** were approved: **R425** for **Nationals** and the **ITF tournament in Gauteng Central**, and **R375** for all other ranking tournaments. The proposed fees for **Inter-provincials** will be **R700** (R550 paid by the players and R150 paid by the Provinces).

The **GC ITF Seniors Tournament** was held at Ellis Park from **11th to 15th November**. The ITF kindly granted our request to upgrade the tournament from a Grade 5 to a **Grade 3 tournament!** The tournament attracted all the strongest players from around the country who were keen to earn the International Ranking points and was very successfully hosted by **Russell Schluter**, the GC Seniors Chairman and his Committee. Running an ITF tournament still poses a great deal of extra work for both myself and the White Badge Referee, who in this case was **Mpho Makhoba**, who did a great job. Ellis Park as a venue was extremely disappointing as it is in a shocking state of disrepair and urgently requires some attention. The courts are fine but the piles of rubbish and the state of the nets and lights were a source of embarrassment to GC players. There are also very precious tennis **memoirs** which reflect a **rich history of tennis at Ellis Park** stored haplessly at the back of the Art Gallery which should really be rescued and preserved.

Eden Seniors Tournament entries for December exceeded those of last year. Seniors tennis tournaments **recorded record entries** in 2015/2016 season.

The **Western Province Committee** hosted the **WP Seniors Tournament from 15th to 18th January** at Rondebosch, and Kelvin Grove. Nelene Gold, the new WP Seniors Chairperson and her committee ran an excellent tournament. The plan was to run SportyHQ and Tournament Planner parallel for this tournament in order to test it out and train Andrew Comrie and myself, but there were still way too many gaps in the programme which prevented this from being possible.

The Gauteng East Seniors Tournament was held at Benoni Tennis Centre and Parkrand Tennis Club over two weekends starting on 22nd January. Owen O'Neill, Chairman of GE and his dedicated committee hosted an **outstanding tournament**. The atmosphere was very **friendly and welcoming** and the attention to detail given to ensuring that the players had everything at their fingertips was excellent. Jan de Graad did do some training at the tournament, but it was still not possible to run the tournament on SportyHQ.

The **West Rand Seniors Tournament** was held again this year with a fairly small entry. It was held at the German Country Club this year as the West Rand Clubs are becoming more and more reluctant to allow us the use of their facilities. It was extremely disappointing that the cost of the balls was suddenly raised substantially by the suppliers just before this tournament which really hurt the province financially. The price change is usually only in April, so this was a financial shock for both the GC Committee and myself as Nationals is normally our last tournament before the price increase. The tournament was run on Tournament Planner and it was decided to delay the switchover to SportyHQ until after the Nationals to avoid any problems occurring at such an important Seniors event.

The **SA Nationals ITF Seniors Tournament (Closed)** was held in Bloemfontein from 5th to 9th March 2016. There were **299** participants. Jan de Graad was there to help some of the Seniors register on SportyHQ. Kloppers again very kindly sponsored each of the players with a R100 voucher and Dunlop eventually sponsored two tennis racquets and 2 boxes of balls. The towels we had made as handouts were very popular with the players. A very high standard of tennis was displayed and the tournament was run very efficiently by our two Referees, Johann Greyling and Andrew Comrie on the League Planner. It was hugely disappointing that many players did not attend the function and this cost us as we were forced to forecast a number well before the time. This will be discussed at the Workshop in October.

The selection of teams from the **50-60+ age groups** to compete in the **Seniors World Team Championships** in Helsinki, Finland took place the week after Nationals. The players were informed and the names published.

The guaranteed strength **Ranking System** approved for **2015** at the Seniors Workshop in November 2014 is now planned to be implemented in May in time for the **Eastern Province Tournament** in early June. The rules have been adjusted to ensure that there are clear directives with regard to allocating points so that there are no discrepancies in how the points should be allocated both in Monrad and Round Robin events. The current **iTennis** ranking system will remain in effect in the meantime.

The switchover to **SportyHQ** for online entries was done when the **Cape Town Seniors Tournament** was opened for entries. The Senior players were informed before, during and after the changeover and sent links to activate their profiles and register. The loading and entry process proved to be a challenge as there were certain functions still missing or not yet correctly set up for Seniors, which made for a great deal of manual input from myself and my tournament referee.

The six **35–45+ Young Seniors** teams chosen to represent TSA Seniors in **Croatia** from 1st to 6th May left to compete in the **2016 ITF Young Seniors World Team Championships** from 1st to 6th May 2016. Our teams didn't win any medals in the team championships, but in the Individual Championships our 45+ mixed players from KZN, Lettica Venter and Bruce Young won **the event and received gold medals!** **Bruce Young and Robert Dick** also reached the semifinals of the MD45 and received bronze medals. **Lettica Venter** reached the quarterfinals of the WS45.

The **World Team Championships** will definitely be held in Cape Town in April 2017. Ronnie van 't Hof is liaising with the WP Senior Committee in this regard as they will be hosting this event in conjunction with the Boland Seniors. Ronnie will liaise with Iain Smith with regard to the officiating needs for this event. The Young Seniors who went to Croatia in May handed out flyers advertising our 2017 event.

This first quarter of 2016 was very challenging in light of the SportyHQ changeover, the very full programme and the huge demands placed on staff members. The delayed payments to players, officials and provincial bodies remains an area of concern.

The National Seniors Committee, the Provincials Seniors Committees, the Referees involved in Seniors tennis and the numerous volunteers throughout the country, continue to contribute to the success of Seniors tennis and have been unwavering in their support as we have grappled with software, ranking and financial challenges during the past year.

In Summary:

- Seniors is thriving and the numbers are healthy.
- Recorded record entries during the 2015/2016 season.
- Challenges have been the changeover to SportyHq and the maintenance of Seniors Ranking.
- Our players have won a number of titles in the World Individual Championships.
- Our bid to host the Young Seniors World Championships in South Africa in 2017 was successful.

11 WHEELCHAIR TENNIS



WTSA aims to make South Africa one of the leading Wheelchair Tennis Nations in the world, and is working hard to break the barriers of disability, making the sport and our players household names and heroes.

We believe our programmes and achievements in 2015 have taken us one step closer to achieving these goals.

DEVELOPMENT

Wheelchair Tennis has a Development Officer and a Community Camp & Programme Manager to oversee and run the development programme and to fast track the progress of those players with ambition, ability and drive.

The main aims of the development programme remain:

- to ensure the active centres are **functioning optimally**
- to fast track the development of the players showing potential

We are now proud to say we now have over 50 centres, serving 500 plus players, and function in **all provinces**. We however acknowledge that in some we have only scratched the tip of the iceberg.

For us, it is not only about the number of centres, but it is important for us that the centres are **functioning optimally and the players and coaches are improving**. The centres are therefore monitored regularly, and a clinic/ / competition is run in each region about 3 times / year. These events are aimed at players from beginner to advanced beginner level. They introduce players to competition, provide a clear pathway for those wanting to climb the ladder, and for those showing potential and performing well, the opportunity to compete against others at national events.

This programme has helped us to produce players such as Lucas Sithole, Evans Maripa and Kgothatso Montjane, all of whom are in the top 16 players in the world. We are also working hard on producing the next generation of SA stars, which include Bongani Dlamini and Danny Mohlamonyane in the quads, Leon Els, in the men and Marika Venter, and Thando Hlatshwayo in the ladies. All of whom have the potential and are close to qualifying for the 2016 Paralympics.

We have also started work on the 2020 and 2024 athletes including our up and coming juniors, Alwande Skhosana and Mpho Mhlongu who are in the top 10 junior boys in the world, and Nokwande Hlongwane who is world no 2 on the junior girls ranking.

PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME

The performance programme is aimed at the top level player, and producing a wheelchair Tennis superstar within the next Paralympic cycle.

We hosted three International Future Level events, a Grade III, Grade I and a Super Series level event within South Africa in 2015. The Future level events cater for the players coming out of the national programmes and allow them to gain entry onto the international tour, while the Grade 1 and Super Series level event are aimed at players who are doing well internationally (top 60 in the world). A Super Series level event is the highest grade event available on the international wheelchair tennis circuit, and the ITF only approve 6 globally per year. There are also only 11-13 Grade 1 events held on the tour globally each year.

The international tournaments we host here cater for around 80-120 participants in each event, with the majority of players being from South Africa. By hosting events locally we enable many more of our players to acquire and improve their world ranking than if we handpicked the cream of the crop and only sent them abroad to participate. As a result SA now has over 60 players on the international ranking, more than any other country besides Japan. This also allows us the best opportunity to pick players with potential and fast track their development.

Besides the impressive number of people listed on the ranking, we are also starting to produce players that are breaking into the top levels internationally. This is very impressive as our players have only been playing wheelchair Tennis for around 9-10 years at most, where the top players internationally have been fully professional for far longer than that. This highlights the great pool of talent we have and that the opportunity exists to really produce a superstar for SA in a relatively short space of time.

Players to watch out for:

WOMEN:

Kgothatso Montjane – SA's No 1 ranked women, currently ranked 8 in the world, and has a personal best World Ranking of 5 (2013).

Mariska Venter - SA's no 2 ranked women, currently ranked 31 in the world, with a personal best ranking of 27 in 2014. Mariska also ended 2013 as the no 1 junior girl in the world.

Thando Hlatshwayo - SA's no 3 ranked women, currently ranked 52 in the world, with a personal best ranking of 36 in 2014. Thando was also ranked as high as the world no 2 junior girl in 2014.

MEN:

Evans Maripa – SA's No 1 Man, currently 16 in the World, with a personal best ranking of 11 (2015)

Leon Els - SA's No 2 ranked man, currently ranked 37 in the world, with a personal best ranking of 29 in the world (2016).

QUADS:

Lucas Sithole – SA's No 1 Quad, currently ranked 3 in the world, personal best ranking of 2 (2014). Lucas also won the US Open Grand Slam quads singles title in 2013, as well as the British Open. He was quads singles and doubles runner up at the Australian Open 2014, and Quads doubles winner at the Australian Open in 2015. .

Bongani Dlamini – SA's No 2 Quad player, currently ranked no 26 in the World personal best ranking of 14 (2015).

Danny Monhamonyane – SA's No 3 Quads player, currently ranked no 30 in the world, and has a personal best ranking of 27 in the world in 2016.

JUNIORS:

Alwande Skoshana– SA's No 1 ranked junior boy, who at 15 years of age is ranked no 3 on the world junior boys ranking (under 18)

Mpho Mhlongu - SA's no 2 ranked junior boy, is currently ranked no 11 in the world, with a career best ranking of 11 in the world (2016)

Nokwande Hlongwane - SA's no 1 ranked junior girl is also 15 years old, and is ranked no 2 on the world junior girls' rankings (under 18). Her career high ranking thus far is world no 2 (2016)

Asive Gilifile – SA's no 2 ranked junior girl, and is ranked no 7 in the world on the junior girls ranking.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Coaches Education: We have tried to include continued coaching education modules at each of the national camps we hold. In this way we hope to grow the coaches along with the players they are coaching.

SUCSESSES IN 2015

WTSA is very proud of the following achievements in 2015

- Have players ranked in the top 16 players in the world across 5 divisions – Men,
- Women's, Quads, Junior Girls, Junior Boys
- Have 60 plus players on the world ranking ,second only to Japan
- Had players represent us at the Australian, French & Australian Open Grand Slam events
- Lucas Sithole won the quads doubles event at the Australian Open 2015.
- Lucas Sithole & Kgothatso Montjane were invited to compete in the world singles
- Masters, in 2013, 2014, 2015
- 2 Juniors were invited to participate in the World Junior Masters – Alwande Skhosana and Nokwanda Hlongwane
- Evans Maripa was one of 8 teams to play in the World Doubles Masters on 2014, 2015.
- WTSA had 2 coaches on the ITF Global Wheelchair Tennis Coaches Commission
- WTSA hosted 6 international events in South Africa, one of which was a Super Series (one of the top 6 events on the world wheelchair tennis tour)
- Hosted 30 plus regional camps & 2 National Camps
- Hosted the John Cruyff Africa Junior Camp - an ITF development camp for promising players in Africa
- Has an active development programme in all provinces, with activity in 50 plus schools and centres.
- Kgothatso Montjane, Lucas Sithole, Karen Losch, and Holger Losch were nominated as SA's best Sportsman / woman with a disability, best administrator and coach of the year in 2015. Lucas Sithole was also nominated for People's Choice - Best Sportsman in SA in 2015, and Nokwanda Hlongane was nominated in the category of Newcomer of the Year. All were finalists, with Lucas winning Sportsman of the Year with a Disability.
- Nokwanda Hlongwane was nominated for Up and Coming Sportswomen of the Year at the Spar G Sport Awards 2015, and won Gauteng School Sports Newcomer of the Year category.
- Lucas Sithole and Kgothatso Montjane were nominated for Gauteng's Sportsman / Woman of the Year with a Disability 2015, with KG winning that award.
- WTSA won the Letsema Award, which is given to a Disabled Sport, for a promising programme, and a programme murray & Roberts feels will make a difference to individuals.

CHALLENGES IN 2015

- Ensuring quality grassroots programmes run in Metropolitan areas such as Cape Town and KZN continued to be a challenge
- Funding is a major challenge as we are growing faster than our current funding allows
- Realignment and restructuring of governmental sporting priorities has impacted on the amount of funding available
- Ensuring the up and coming players, as well as players on the cusp of Paralympic qualification are provided with sufficient opportunities to compete.

GOALS FOR 2016

We aim to continue to improve the quality of the grassroots programme, to upskill our coaches, offer players as many competitive opportunities as possible, and prepare our top players for the 2016 Paralympics.

12 PROSPECTS FOR 2016/17

I have alluded to the financial challenges facing Tennis South Africa in my introduction. The Board of Tennis South Africa is continually assessing and evaluating opportunities to improve revenues. Whilst we acknowledge the grant with appreciation from the Department of Sport and Recreation, this is meant to assist, not run the Federation financially.

The Board of Tennis South Africa will continue on its strategy of:-

- reassessing what its stakeholders want and need against the cost of providing such services;
- changing tournaments into events that result in an income;
- carefully assessing the overhead structure to ensure operations run at maximum efficiencies;
- actively seeking sponsorships with potential stakeholders who wish to see the game of tennis prosper at all levels.

We actively continue the pursuit of holding ten to fifteen weeks of International Tennis Federation Futures Events in our country a year. We acknowledge the significant contribution of the Cylix Group in their committed three weeks of Futures this coming year and next.

Simultaneously with the finalization of this Annual Report is the announcement that we have appointed a Chief Executive Officer, Mr Richard Glover. Mr Glover joins us bringing a wealth of experience in the commercialization of a number of sport types and equally important, a number of sponsorship opportunities which should hopefully significantly change both our financial position and resultantly our ability to deliver to our stakeholders.

Riad Davids and I attended the International Tennis Federation's 2016 Annual General Meeting in Croatia in June this year. We both agree that there are "winds of change" blowing through the corridors of our mother body – not only in terms of a "changing of the guard" with regard to personal, but also with regard to being inclusive, treating people with respect, conducting business with integrity and focusing on the development of the game at grass roots level.

I have the privilege of serving on the Non-World Group Davis/Fed Cup Commission that is looking at the structure of both competitions. The goal is to "refresh" the world's largest sporting competition, make it both more spectator friendly and accessible, and most importantly improve the revenue generation in such a manner as to obviate home nations being faced with an ever increasing financial burden.

I am hopeful that we will finalize our Constitution during the forthcoming year – I know I said this last year. However delays in the main have been occasioned by SASCOC, from whom we are still waiting on final approval of our proposed draft. That said, we propose to revisit this draft document as it may well be that the proposed Constitution may not best serve our needs in terms of structure. To this end the Board's Constitutional Committee will look to co-opt a number of Provincial Representatives and carefully look at the options going forward. As I said last year, our Constitution will have certain non-negotiables:-

- be compliant with the Companies Act of 2008;
- Adhere to all the recommendations of King IV;

- Adhere to the Constitution of South Africa;
- Adhere to the requirements of SASCOC.

Inherent in the above and notable likely changes to our current Constitution will be:-

- A Board Member representing the professional players;
- A Board Member representing Technical Officials;
- A rotational Board Election process where a third of the Board is elected each year (as opposed to the current election process that takes place only every three years);
- The right of the National Federation to intervene in the affairs of under-performing provinces.

As I have mentioned, it is our intention to increase the participation of provincial representation on a number of our Board sub-committees. Too long, in my opinion, has there been a “disconnect” between Tennis South Africa and its affiliates. Tennis South Africa will follow the International Tennis Federation’s model of asking suitably qualified and identified Provincial Representatives to serve on relevant Committees and taskforces. We all need to take responsibility for our game.

Transformation and development in our game is a non-negotiable. Tennis South Africa is firmly committed to both. SRSA and SASCOC have implemented a score-card process that rates and measures the various Federations’ performance. You will all have contributed in some way to the EPG Report that we had to submit by the end of June 2016. The next report has to be submitted by the 31 March 2017. I appeal to all of you to assist the office, when requested. Future funding and sanctioning of National Teams and International Events are at stake!

The 2016/17 has been and is busy to date. We have hosted a home Davis Cup Tie against Luxembourg (which we won convincingly), our Fed Cup Ladies team, who were unfortunately relegated earlier this year, will again play in February 2017. We have at least three Futures Events lined up over the next eighteen months (with the distinct possibility of another six) and a host of the normal ITF Junior, Super 7’s, Seniors, and Masters Events on a full calendar. We thus strive towards creating the right environment for tennis to prosper. I urge all players to participate and support us in our desire to becoming a “leading Tennis Winning Nation”.

13 CONCLUSION

The current Board of Directors term of office ends today. Each member has contributed willingly and without expectation of reward for their services as directors of the company. We collectively have endeavored to listen, watch, engage, question, challenge, lead and above all learn.

I take this opportunity of thanking my Board colleagues for their time, wisdom and support. I also thank members of Council for their patience and support. I would be amiss not to thank all those many volunteers around South Africa who give of their time without any expectation of remuneration or recognition who make tennis happen. My appreciation to each and every one of you.

The next twelve months will be exciting and I sincerely believe that when I present next year's report, our position and standing will be significantly improved.

Thank you.

GAVIN CROOKES
PRESIDENT - TENNIS SOUTH AFRICA