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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The Wanderers Club
North Street
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26th November 2012



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN GAUTENG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT THE WANDERERS CLUB, NORTH STREET, ILLOVO ON MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2012

AGENDA

1. To receive Delegates credentials
2. To read notice convening meeting
3. To read and confirm Minutes of the previous AGM
4. To receive the President's Report
5. To present the Accounts and Auditors report thereon
6. To determine fees for the ensuing year
7. To approve Honoraria
8. To present reports of the SGBA Sub-committees
 - a. Juniors
 - b. Schools
 - c. Coaching
 - d. Court Officials
 - e. Seniors
 - f. Masters
 - g. Development
 - h. Players Representative
 - i. League
 - j. Communication
9. To consider notions of motion of which due notice has been given
 - a. None received
10. To consider amendments to the constitution of which due notice has been given
 - a. That all members of the association are entitled to vote at the SGBA AGM (D. Robinson – Wanderers)
 - b. Financial year end changing from 30/09 to 30/11, and thus the AGM moving to January/February of the following year (D.Robinson – Wanderers)
 - c. Financial year end to first quarter of the year, with AGM following (B. Hohl – Randburg)
11. To elect seven (7) Sub-committee members of the Committee
12. To elect a Selection Panel of seven (7) members (Seniors, Vets an Masters)
13. To elect a Junior Selection Committee (Done at Juniors AGM)
14. To elect Hon Auditor
15. To transact any competent business
16. General



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(SGBA)

MINUTES OF 61ST AGM OF SGBA

Meeting Subject:	SGBA AGM
Chairperson:	Darryll Robinson
Venue:	Wanderers Club
Date:	17 November 2011
Time:	19h35

PRESENT:

• Eddie Seaton	Masters	• Larry Keys	BSA President
• Sarah Rice	Secretary	• Gretha Prinsloo	BSA Board Member
• Ravi Bhat	Juniors	• Alberton	
• Russell Stroud	Seniors/League Sec	• Berario	
• Elsie Fennel	Development	• Highway Gardens	
• Darryll Robinson	Vice President/ Communication	• Impala	
• Y. Oerder	Life Member	• Randburg	
•		• Wanderers	

APOLOGIES:

• G. Barnard	Life Member	• N. le Grange	Schools
• B. Brits	Life Member	• D. Calvert	Visitor
• G. Brothers	Treasurer	• H. Brits	Visitor
• W. Hing	Players Rep	• Westonaria	
• D. Mentz	Visitor	• A. Reynolds	Visitor

VISITORS:

• D. Wise		• B. Bateman	
• M. McDougall		• J. Botes	
• M. Zulu		• R. Knight	

ABSENT:

• Wits		•	
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MINUTES

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1	<p>To receive delegates credentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All representatives had signed the register and it was accepted that they are true representatives of their respective clubs. Any representative or visitor who had not signed was asked to sign at the end of the meeting
2	<p>To read notice convening meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As notice had been sent to everyone it was not necessary to read the notice convening the meeting
3	<p>To read and confirm minutes from the previous AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were included in the pack, which all representatives had time to read before the meeting began – thus they were taken as read • Proposed by Owen Kerr (Wanderers) • Seconded by Birgit Hohl (Randburg)
4	<p>To receive the presidents report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was included in the pack • Packs were not printed this year due to high costs • DR would like to request brief reports from clubs for 2012 and he asks for each clubs assistance, he will draw up a template and distribute to club chairpersons early 2012 • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prakash Nath – 2016 Olympic Squad ○ Nico Meerholz coaching sessions ○ SGBA Awards Ceremony/ Prize Giving ○ Schools Badminton Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DR thanked BSA for the sponsorship of shuttles ○ Development of the website • Lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resignation of Erskine du Toit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be covered in general as requested ○ Personal Conflicts ○ Continuous development needed • Goals for 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to date website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Players are now able to register online ○ Coaching ○ Lotto funding ○ Hosting Woodroffe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RS's brainchild ▪ DR would like to leave a legacy in Soweto, start a club/clubs and develop Soweto to a county district as a long term goal ○ Sponsorship
5	<p>To present the accounts and auditor's report thereon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was included in the pack



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately GB was unable to attend the meeting but is willing to meet with anyone who has questions when he is back from his business travels • Shortcomings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year runs Oct – Sept (funds in, and out then next year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Keys suggested changing our financial year end date. DR thanked Mr Keys and said the committee would review the suggestion ▪ Gail McLoughlin (Berario) raised that this will make presenting financials at the AGM very difficult as the auditor’s report is needed for the AGM ○ Procedure for payments ○ Keeping track of who is accountable for any monies in and out of the province ○ Called down from call account to assist with funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SGBA is losing money. This year the province was unable to fund the senior team at the national tournament, and so assisting financially towards a coach was all the province could afford • Going forward into 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to rebuild funds ○ Budget and forecast to be put in place ○ Fundraising committee set up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow the junior committee in this regard ○ Payment Procedures and tracking accountability • Owen Kerr (Wanderers) queried <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the net deficit of R31 000 ○ The R8900 write off – more detail of what was written off was requested ○ Suggested a breakdown of figured would be more beneficial • DR promised clubs a more detailed financials break down by the second week of December
6	<p>To determine fees for the ensuing year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting agreed on a 10% increase to fees, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors – R280 ○ Juniors – R110 ○ Social – R5 ○ Team Entry – R55 ○ Club Affiliation – R165 • Proposed by ES (Berario) and seconded by RS • Juniors are currently not collecting, or paying any registration to the committee and committee are paying for them • The committee will revise the agreement on payment as per committee meeting earlier this year
7	<p>To approve Honoraria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS feels the honoraria are recompense for time as most expenses are claimed. He also raised that the province doesn’t have many funds at the moment and suggested that the honoraria should not be raised. • SR noted that in 5 years time a 10% increase won’t be sufficient when the province has funds again • Raymond Glad (Impala) suggested raising it, and letting each recipient decide if they want to take the increase



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went to vote, and there will be no increase • Honoraria for 2012: R1300
8	<p>To present reports of the SGBA Sub Committees</p> <p>a) Juniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the pack: • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All but one objective met – no fundraiser ○ Prakash Nath's individual achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ His contribution to the team and influence on the juniors should not be discounted ○ Support from Department of Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thanks for the assistance in reducing cost to players ▪ RB encourages pursuing this in the future ○ Final year U19s transition to Seniors ○ U17s won B section ○ U19s were A section runners up – by 1 game ○ G. Bhat U15 national grading ○ B. van Bodenstien U17 national grading ○ P. Nath graded 1st nationally at U19s ○ D. Mentz received Best Manager award at U19s <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DR received news that Drikus has been chosen as the SA Schools Boys team manager for All Africa Schools ▪ Avril Tudhope (Highway Gardens) said that Drikus epitomised what the tournament officials require in a manager, and that the vote for him was unanimous • Birgit Hohl (Randburg) requested better communication regarding training times for Juniors as she is trying to assist with growing the Juniors • RB said that at the elections for the new junior committee next year (21st January) he wants to replicate the provincial committee structure, and specifically have a communications portfolio • Lowlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No U13 team <p>b) Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the pack: • 28 high school league teams • 11 primary school league teams • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SA School Championships in Bloemfontein had 52 teams entered, with 9 being from SGBA ○ High Schools tournament in beginning of 2011 – assisted with SGBA player identification ○ Contact with Peter Mol (chairman of Schools Badminton) ○ Schools Academy • Lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No notification from schools for cancelling matches • Birgit Hohl asked if schools were looking to grow its area to include the northern suburbs schools, and has offered to help with coaching at schools, but she has tried before with little success, as has RS struggled to gain interest from northern suburb schools • Rose Liebenberg (Alberton) said that for badminton to work at a school there generally needs to be a teacher who is keen/ a player • Committee awaits report from meeting with Peter Mol • RS asked where all the school girls are going as the province is not growing in league structures <p>c) Coaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was included in the pack • Nico Meerholtz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seniors



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Reynolds and Natasha le Grange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Academy • Drikus Mentz and Shaneen Bown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juniors • Marloes Reinink and Owen Kerr <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lower league players • Stewart Carsten and Christina English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Private coaching of up and coming Juniors • Meeting was asked by DR if they thought the committee spending money on a coach was a valuable investment – meeting agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avril Tudhope noted that Seniors need a coach and players are never too old to learn ○ Mark McDougall (visitor) raised whether Drikus Mentz should be paid as a juniors coach. Rose Knight (visitor) added that the juniors aren't paying the province yet meaning the province is already funding the juniors ○ This has been noted for discussion in the new year. • RB advised that Shaneen Bown will no longer be assisting with the younger juniors and they are in need of a new coach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda Hampton has offered to fulfil this role in 2012 ○ Avril Tudhope said she is always available and willing to help too.
	<p>d) Technical Officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was included in the pack • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Simplified Laws drawn up for clubs • Lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not much interest from clubs/players • 2012 Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Umpiring standards to be created for clubs ○ Players making an effort to understand rules and regulations at training nights/ league ○ Umpiring/sitting lines at league matches • Birgit Hohl feels that the committee need support from a club level, and that it is a good idea for social/ bottom level players • Avril Tudhope said she tried in the past with very little success but that the course should be to teach etiquette and laws, not to make officials • RS said the committee needs to deliver on its commitment to BSA to hold a course as described in the provincial development report • Mr Keys said that SGBA should organise the course and apply to the Technical Officials at BSA who will then arrange funding and a presenter for the course.
	<p>e) Seniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the pack • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SGBA A tying for B Section honours at Melvill ○ SGBA B winning C Section at Melvill Cup ○ Woodroffe Cup B winning B Section ○ Prakash captaining SA Juniors ○ Prakash being graded nationally ○ Prakash playing in Men's Singles Semi-Final at Melvill Cup ○ Neville playing in Men's Singles final at Woodroffe Cup ○ Nico's Sunday training sessions • Lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We lost many 'must win' matches that could have affected team results ○ Commitment to training with Nico ○ Players not available for selection



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uncertainty around Woodroffe Cup rules ○ No SGBA Stravidis Cup side • Challenges for 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melvill Cup in Port Elizabeth in 2012 ○ Fund raising for the Association or Lotto money ○ Hosting SA Woodroffe Cup – hopefully in Soweto, wonderful facilities ○ Selectors being accepted by all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RS thanked the selectors for their time and job well done ○ Select squads earlier and start training with Nico ○ Funds to pay Nico for training ○ Bringing new players into the section
	<p>f) Masters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the pack • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vets – sent 3 teams ○ E. du Toit, G McLoughlin, H. Brits– SA Vets Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ And Linda Hampton (corrected by Mark McDougall) ○ Masters – Runners up in A section ○ G. McLoughlin – Ladies singles Runner up ○ Grand Masters – B section runners up ○ Silver Eagles – Runners up ○ Cathy Samson – Ladies singles Runner up ○ Harvey Ferreira – SA SE Team ○ Golden Eagles • Lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E. du Toit disciplinary at Vets ○ Lack of SGBA Men in Grand Masters and Eagles ○ Lack of “new blood” at Vets level • Sunday practices are well attended with a dedicated core of players • The involvement in local/away tournaments is important as it flies the SGBA banner • Yvonne Oerder was thanked for her assistance with the older teams and EF for her assistance with regards to finances and admin
	<p>i) Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the pack • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New social players to many clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DR suggested clubs put adverts in their local papers ▪ DR pointed out that looking after the players is important as clubs have a high player turn over ○ Coaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All coaches were thanked for their dedication and hard work • Lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No growth in clubs as hoped • Challenges/Goals for 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Convert social to signed up players ○ 2 prospects for development to gain momentum • Mr Keys said that making sure clubs are sustainable and supported by the province should be a priority as this is where a province gets its players from
	<p>j) Players Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in the pack • Highlight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online Ladder system



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avril Tudhope suggested that players pay R5/R10 to challenge ▪ Mark McDougal said that it isn't linking between SGBA players, WH knows and is addressing the problem • BSA Players Rep Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Players database (funding) ○ BSA Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be implemented from February 2012 ▪ RS pointed out that this means players have to register with a province by February each year ▪ Birgit Hohl requested each club be sent out a member list to update for their club ▪ DR would like players to have SGBA numbers in the near future ○ Technical officials will be more relaxed on short branding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gretha Prinsloo (BSA Board Member) said that this will only be for individuals and not team events ○ Suggested a monthly one page newsletter ○ Represent the players and not the province • Mr Keys noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The numbers BSA require have nothing to do with money in, but do help with funding applications ○ The remark regarding the events circular were unfortunate, as rules and regulations are available in the circular and on the website, and committees should be knowledgeable in these matters. Players are asking questions they should know the answer to, and he feels directly naming Lourens is unfair
	<p>k) League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in pack • Doubles League <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tried Saturdays ○ 16 teams (18 in 2010) ○ Premier – Wanderers A ○ First – Alberton D ○ Second – Highway Gardens • Major League <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mid week games ○ 17 teams (17 in 2010) ○ 2 Mens invitational sides in second league ○ Premier – Wanderers A ○ First – Wanderers C ○ Second – Highway Gardens • Certificates will be handed out at the Prize Giving • Highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good communication between league secretary and clubs/captains ○ Results submitted and updated timeously • Going forward into 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lots of communication regarding structure ○ Commitment of players to league ○ Committee will review league structure ○ New format/s will be tried in doubles league
	<p>l) Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report included in pack • Website – www.southernbadminton.co.za <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Player registration ○ Up to date information



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clubs ○ League ○ Committee member details ● Twitter – @SGBaddies ● Challenges for 2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuous improvement to the website ○ Increase meaningful communication at all level ○ Create an environment where suggestions are taken seriously and resolved by the correct people/person
9	<p>To consider notices of motion of which due notice has been given</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resolution: put forward by Mark McDougall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1.1) Selectors may not have the majority of its members from one club (No more than 30% say in a selection) ○ 1.2) Selectors who have family members, Spouses, Significant others or any ties to a player in that particular team need to excuse themselves from that particular team's selection ○ 1.3) Team managers can be selected by the Selection panel but Team Captains are to be selected by the team players themselves- ● There was a lot of debate around this matter; it was addressed together with the constitution amendment. The following points were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team means having a common goal and leaving personal issues out of the way (B. Hohl) ○ Teams choosing the captain means they will respect the captain, as there are no selectors at trainings (M. McDougall) ○ Some selectors have never seen some of the players (EF) ○ If team results are looked at from Seniors this year the selectors did a good job, there was input from all levels/ age groups from the group of selectors an Nico as coach and Erskine du Toit as President (O. Kerr and RS) ○ 7 selectors share the work load, 3 per age category means more work for the selectors who are volunteering their time (D. Calvert via O. Kerr and RS) ○ There has not been a full panel for the past two years since the change in selectors took place (B. Bateman Snr) ○ If selectors from 2011 and nominations for 2012 are looked at there are representatives from all levels of the game (Y. Oerder) ● Taken to vote: Not passed
10	<p>To consider amendments to the constitution of which notice has been given</p> <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senior Selectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A selection committee of seven (7) members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and ○ Shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. The committee will select for seniors and Masters.... ○ If at the Annual General Meeting minimum of five (5)senior ○ Selectors have not been nominated, those nominated automatically become elected. Nominations may then be made ○ From the floor to fill the remaining vacancy or vacancies. Not more than three(3) members from one club may be members of the selection committee at any one time ● Change to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A selection committee of three (3) members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and ○ Shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. The committee will select for Seniors and Woodroffe and Stravidis... ○ ... If at the Annual General Meeting minimum of three (3)senior selectors have not been



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>nominated, those nominated automatically become elected... Not more than one (1) member from each club may serve at any one time</i></p> <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Selection Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whenever a team is selected to play a series of matches (as in a South African Inter-Provincial Tournament) at which all seven (7) selectors cannot be present, they will appoint, in advance, a local selection committee of three (3), which will decide all details of pairing, order of play, etc. A quorum for this local selection committee will be two (2) selectors. • General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ e)The selection committee, Senior representative and Masters representative may, at their discretion, arrange such trials and practices as they may deem desirable and all reasonable costs incurred shall be borne by the Association, provided that the Association Committee may at any time require the senior selection committee to obtain its prior approval of any further expenditure which it proposes to incur. At the start of the season, Club Committees may submit names of players to be considered for such trials ○ f) A quorum for meetings of the senior selection committee shall be four (4). <p>Change to:</p> <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whenever a team is selected to play a series of matches (as in a South African Inter-Provincial Tournament) at which all three(3) selectors ○ e)The selection committee and Senior representative may, at their discretion, arrange such trials and practices ○ f) A quorum for meetings of the senior selection committee shall be two(2) <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASTERS REPRESENTATIVE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clause 13 ○ Function ○ The function of the Masters representative shall be to administer Masters badminton within the Association as directed by the Association Committee and/or Annual General Meeting. For the purpose of definition, a player who turns forty (40) years old in the current year or older is deemed to be a Masters player. • Change to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The function of the Masters representative shall be to administer Masters badminton within the Association as directed by the Association Committee and/or Annual General Meeting. For the purpose of definition, a player who turns forty (40) years old in the current year or older is deemed to be a Masters player. This section is responsible for age categories known as Veterans, Masters, Grand Masters, Silver, and Golden Eagles ○ Masters Selectors ○ A selection committee of three (3) members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and ○ shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. The committee will select for Masters ○ Nominations for the positions together with letters of acceptance are to be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary at ○ least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary secretary shall circulate the nominations to ○ all clubs at least seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting. No person shall be eligible for election unless ○ he/she is a bona fide member of an affiliated club. If at the Annual General Meeting the positions have not been filled, ○ nominations may be made from the floor to fill the vacancies. In the event of a vacancy



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	<p>arising, the newly appointed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ member shall serve only for the remaining period. If at the Annual General Meeting minimum of three (3)senior ○ selectors have not been nominated, those nominated automatically become elected. Nominations may then be made ○ from the floor to fill the remaining vacancy or vacancies. Not more than one(1) members from one club may be members of the selection committee at any one time <p>• Taken to vote: Not passed</p>
11	<p>To elect executive committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President – D. Robinson (unopposed) • Vice President – R. Stroud (DR withdrew as he is President) • Hon. Secretary – S. Rice (unopposed) • Hon. Treasurer – G. Brothers (unopposed) • Hon. League Secretary – M. Reinink (RS withdrew as he is Vice President) • Development Officer – M. Zulu (unopposed) • Players Representative – W. Hing (unopposed)
12	<p>To elect vacant positions from the floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS nominated Birgit Hohl for coaching • Birgit Hohl accepted • RS wanted to nominate Andrew Reynolds for Technical Official but DR felt that was unfair as he was not present at the meeting, however DR would like to approach him
13	<p>To elect a selection panel of seven selectors for Seniors and Vets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Calvert • D. Mentz • R. Knight • G. Brothers • E. Seaton • R. Liebenberg • R. Stroud • Selectors stand for a year • Selectors pick their convenor by the end of January 2012
14	<p>To elect a Juniors Selection Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be confirmed by RB – done at Juniors AGM
15	<p>To elect Hon Auditor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fees are high – about R9500 but this includes the tax fee which was always charged after, and the fees will reduce next year as company now know the association and its workings • IAPA are very thorough and professional • GB recommends IAPA for another year • Rose Knight proposed • Owen Kerr seconded
16	<p>To transact any competent business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To vote for Life Members who will be awarded at the Prize Giving • DR drew up the criteria and distributed to clubs, he has since been approached regarding the criteria and is open to suggestions • The following members were nominated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew Reynolds ○ Avril Tudhope ○ Nico Meerholz ○ Owen Kerr • Voting took place and the following members will receive life membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avril Tudhope



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nico Meerholz ○ Owen Kerr ● Mr Keys was asked by DR to say a few words: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congratulated the new executive ○ Compliments to the secretary on her preparation and presentation ○ BSA have had a successful year; they won the senior and U19 All Africa championships, and are hoping to win the U15 All Africa next time too ○ SA increased their world ranking by 5 points in China this year ○ Olympic qualification is taking place currently and the players are working hard ○ Weekend of the 25/26th November is a Sports Forum where the national development plan for sport will be finalised ○ BSA will be hosting a Presidents' Council in March 2012 together with the GAM ○ Noted the enthusiasm within SGBA ○ The main purpose is to develop the sport of badminton ○ It is difficult to get into schools but the Minister of Sport and the Minister of Basic Education are supporting each other regarding the importance of sports in schools ○ BSA are there to help as much as possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lotto applications will be out early next year, and Mr Keys will personally help the province with its application ○ Wishes the association good luck for the new year and future
17	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarity on the resignation of Erskine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DR explained that the resignation was due to differences with a certain player and that Erskine du Toit felt it was better for the province if he resigned ○ Bert Bateman Snr asked if complaints from players resulted in the resignation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DR answered that this was the case ○ Gail McLoughlin mentioned that it is sad for that to be the cause of the province losing a player of that standard ○ The disciplinary at the tournament was closed with no actions, and as such BSA never got involved. BSA only get involved if a sentence is appealed ○ The disciplinary did however bring the province into disrepute ○ Mr Keys would have thought that SGBA would have further investigated the issue ○ Gretha Prinsloo is disappointed that a line call could cause a president to resign ○ Mark McDougall informed the meeting that he was the player with whom Erskine had personal difference and unfortunately if didn't get left off the court ● Criteria for representing SGBA at all levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These are sent out before the end of February every year ○ They will be made available on the website ○ RS knows there are concerns about players not meeting the criteria but feels that sometimes what is good for the province has to be done ● Raising Awareness and creating enthusiasm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DR pointed out again that we are slowly declining in numbers and we should try to increase the social activities at all levels within the province ○ The committee is open to suggestions and will support anyone who runs with an idea ○ RS feels that fundraising will add to the social aspect ○ Rose Liebenberg says that the Boma/Barnyard always works ● Avril Tudhope thanked the committee and province for the thoughts and good wishes during her illness, and particularly for the kind gift drop off by the secretary ● Owen Kerr thanked the province for his nomination and made it known what a privilege and great honour it is as SGBA has been his home since he started badminton. He thanked DR and SR and the rest of the committee of 2011 for their hard work ● DR invited all present to the SGBA Awards Evening/ Prize Giving on the 9th December 2011



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18	Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DR thanked everyone for attending and invited all to stay for drinks and eats• Meeting closed at 22h00

DARRYLL ROBINSON
PRESIDENT



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Presidents Report

Overview and achievements of 2012

The year was a good one on the courts. Our players did us proud and brought home a number of trophies, medals and gradings. Special mention must be made of the U19 A side who won the Kerr Cup for the first time in 13 years! It is only after much dedication and commitment from all involved that such successes are earned. Congratulations to the players and to their coach, Drikus Mentz who continues to inspire me with his devotion to our Juniors and the sport as a whole.

Prakash Vijayanath is one of our star Juniors who refuses to stop shining and has gone on to even greater heights this year with his selection as a Senior South African player. Prakash represented his country in China this year for the Sudirman Cup. We firmly believe this is the beginning of an illustrious career for the young man and we wish him well. Continue to make us proud!

SGBA was represented by two teams at Melvill this year. The A side brought home the trophy for the B section which should see them promoted back to the A section next year. The B side suffered a loss of one of their players early on in the tournament due to injury. In spite of this and in testament to their tenacity, the side still managed to hold on to 4th place.

Southern Gauteng hosted the SA Woodroffe Cup in Alberton in October. The original plan was to host the tournament at the University of Joburg, Soweto campus but a lack of funding forced the change of venue. A big thank you to Russell Stroud and his hard working Local Organising Committee who put in more than their fair share of toil to make sure the tournament was a success. The members of Alberton also rose to the challenge and spent many hours sweeping courts, emptying bins and making sure the tournament ran like clockwork.

It was an election year for the office bearers and executive board at Badminton South Africa. For the first time in a while, some of the incumbent officials were challenged for their positions. However, change was not on the cards this time around and the officials remain for another two years.

I would like to thank our committee and selection panel who have given so much of their already scarce time to aid in the running of the province. Any successes we achieved this year are due to their selfless commitment to the greater good of badminton in the province. I thank them for their loyal service. And thank you to the players of SGBA who can always be relied upon to give their best on court and to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner.

Goals for 2013

Our treasurer, Rose Knight and I are working on a turn-around plan for the financial state of SGBA. With our declining numbers, funding the various events has become more of a challenge. A successful lottery application would definitely help but this cannot be the only way to get ourselves out of trouble. I have spoken with the Gauteng Sports Council President, Barry Hendricks who has offered some sage advice especially in the area of TV coverage. I will be pursuing this avenue as guaranteed national TV coverage will go a long way in securing a good sponsor. If anyone is able to assist in this field, please contact me.

Ravi Bhat has submitted a request for funds to the Lottery Board on behalf of SGBA. In the event of a successful application, the money will be used to enhance our brand within the greater community of Johannesburg and to develop our great sport. We have struggled with declining numbers over the years which is a trend I intend to reverse. Funds from the lottery will allow us to advertise more and attract more players to badminton.



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Our website has been revamped by a developer to help create the look of a professionally run sport. I would like to thank Marloes Reinink and her company, Solid Green for kindly picking up the tab for the work. The plan is for all our registrations to run through the website next year with club chairmen being notified of new members. This will simplify our billing and capitation processes. I hope to be able to set up an online shop as well.

SGBA is struggling with Junior members at present, mainly because badminton is not a popular sport in schools. This is hopefully due to change from early 2013 as the Badminton World Federation initiative, Shuttle Time kicks off. The idea is to have trainers train the teachers in schools to be able to play and coach badminton. The initiative was highly successful in other countries and we wish Christina Caldeira the best of luck in running the programme in South Africa. The SGBA Junior committee will keep an eye out for promising youngsters coming through the system so they can be channelled into our Junior structures.

In keeping with the younger players in our province, I have engaged Wits University staff and students to help us set up an active club there again for 2013. With a number of our U19s finishing school this year and heading off to Wits, the university stands to be in a strong position to challenge for the Premier League Shield next year.

The big goal for next year is to host a Test match in February at the Wanderers. I have corresponded with the Ireland Badminton CEO who is keen to make the trip. We may end up handing the plans over to BSA as it is a national event but the benefits will be felt in the province no matter who claims responsibility for the project. The high profile nature of such an event should help us bring media to watch and report as well as entice players who have left back to the courts.

I intend to fold the SGBA Sports Awards Dinner into the Test and will be inviting as many past players as I can find to join us for the occasion. The idea is to attract some of the players we have lost over the past years back to the sport.

To all our players and administrators, have a blessed and safe festive season. For those who are travelling, go well and come back to us refreshed and ready for a great new year on the courts. Enjoy the celebrations – we will see you next year.

Darryll Robinson
SGBA President



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Financial Report

No report was submitted



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Juniors Report

This was my fourth completed year as Chairman of the junior's. We continue to do well in the Junior section and see the fruits of the labour of the players as well as committee members. We elected a new committee for 2012 and I am very please see the contributions made by everyone in the year. I continue to be very happy about the support from the parents for the sport and to the kids. We set ourselves in the beginning of the year for the following 2012 objectives and here is our score card

Score card for 2012

Objectives	Met / Not Met
1. Increase number of players who play for juniors	Not Met
2. Increase the coaching of juniors through out the year	Met
3. Practice every Friday (Wanderers Club) and Sunday (Alberton Club)	Met
4. Select team early and train for SA champs	Met
5. Raise some money to secure financial well being of the section	Not Met
6. Win some tournaments	Met

I can confirm that this year we excelled in number of our objectives. The juniors committee is a fantastic team and thanks to them we had a great year.

Junior Committee members

- Drikus - Coach
- Linda Hampton – Coach
- Jeanette Nigrini –Treasurer
- Cassie Nigrini – Secretary
- Premila Hamid – Communications
- Zanela Tshongweni- Fund raising
- Wilhelminah – Parents Rep for U7, U19
- Rajan Moodley – Parents Rep U13, U15

This is a brand new and fresh committee and I would like to say that they worked very well together to drive the 2012 agenda for juniors.

Highlights of the year

1. The year has been yet another successful year for Southern's with participation from juniors. We sent teams to all sections except the U13.
2. The year highlight for juniors was the Under 19 Kerr Cup which Southern Gauteng team WON after 13 years. This was a fantastic performance by SGBA team and the coach Drikus Mentz who has worked with the team for over 4 years for this glory. Well done to the players and the team for winning this CUP for the province. We also saw some great players finishing off their U19 careers and will move to senior sections.
3. This year again due to costs constraints and number of players we could only send one team for U15 and U17.



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4. We saw number of players do very well and further their badminton career. Prakash Nath achieving greater heights in the game in 2012. Please see his personal achievements in 2012 as part of the SGBA.
- Silver medal at the Easterns Open Senior tournament
 - Selected for the senior team to go to China for the Thomas Cup. Played Singles 3 and Doubles B for RSA
 - Selected for the SA team to go to Uganda for Uganda International
 - Silver at u19 Free State Open for singles, doubles and mixed
 - Gold at u19 KZN Open for singles and silver for doubles and mixed
 - Silver for singles and mixed doubles and bronze for doubles at SA u19 Championships
 - Silver at Border Senior Open for doubles
 - Won the A section for the team event at the SA u19 Inter-provincial tournament

Is this not just GREAT!!! We are proud of you Prakash. He has set the tone this year for the rest of the junior in SGBA to follow for a long time.

5. Gautami Bhat was selected to play for South Africa for Under 15 and participate in the U15 All Africa Championship in Aug 2012 in Cameroon. It was a fantastic performance by the team WINNING GOLD in the tournament which was the first time in history where the same country has retained the title. Gautami won BRONZE in her doubles games.
6. Overall the year was great and it is impossible to get thru every event and training without the support of the parents towards their kids and by helping the teams when they are away.

VOTE OF THANKS

- Alberton badminton has been a pillar of support for juniors as it is the home of juniors and I would like to thank Alberton badminton for giving us the facilities every Sunday to play and train.
- A special thanks to Natasha for supporting the schools badminton which is feeder for SGBA juniors.
- I would like to thank Darryl Robinson – Chairman of SGBA and the entire main committee for the constant support and encouragement they give to juniors in every event.
- I would like say special thanks to Juniors Committee without which nothing is possible in Juniors. They are the pillar of the SGBA juniors success so far.
 - I would say special thanks to Cassie for being so helpful every time anything is asked of him.
 - Jeannette has kept the finances going and being so organised with every tournaments costing.
 - Premila is our communications incharge but she ends up doing way more than her portfolio. She always on the other end of the phone every time I needed her advice or assistance to pull things together. She has kept us all in check.
 - Thanks to Zanele, Wilhelminah and Rajan for the support given in sponsoring number of things for the tournaments as well as there general support with kitchen duty, etc.
- Heartfelt thanks to Ajay for assisting us for the U17 Durban trip by taking the team to tournament and agreeing to do that at such a last minute.
- Thanks to Rayno on becoming manager, financier, coach to the juniors teams when ever call for. Also for the support given in SGBA open tournaments at number of times. Your assistance has not gone un noticed. We could have not done without you.



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- I would like to thank Linda Hampton for her assistance this year with Under 15 and 13 coaching on every Sunday through the year. We appreciate your support and guidance to the kids.
- I would once again like to single out Drikus Mentz for his dedication to the sport and development of the juniors. Without his commitment and sacrifice every Sunday and the guidance and coaching he gives to every single players as well as the managers when the tour. He was the main reason that the U19 team won the Championship this year.

SECTIONAL REPORTS FOR EACH JUNIORS CATEGORY

Report on Under 11 & 13 SA National Badminton Championship.

Unfortunately we did not send a team for U13 this year. However, Christy Moodley participated in the U13 SA champ in Cape Town and played for Border.

Managers' Report – Under 15 Tournament, Bloemfontein 31st March to 5th April 2012

The Team was made up as follows:

BOYS

- Keanen Hamid
- Deric Warren
- Brody Kundasami

GIRLS

- Gautami Bhat
- Jana Botes
- Belinda Botes

Coch and Manager – Linda Hampton

The tournament started on Saturday 31st March with the Managers Meeting and then the start of the Under 15 Open tournament with Parade. All games were played at the Tempe Badminton Hall in Bloemfontein. The championships started with the open tournaments and closed with inter provincials with closing function on 5th April. Southernns were well represented at the Individuals:

Individuals

- Women's Singles
 - Gautami lost in the Quarter finals
- Men's Singles
 - We had no players reach the Quarter-finals of this event
- Women's Doubles
 - Gautami and Perseverance lost in the final and Won the runners up trophy.
- Men's Doubles
 - We had no players reach the Quarter-finals of this event
- Mixed Doubles
 - Gautami and Ryan (EGBA) lost in the Quarters.

Championship

The Team played in the B Section.



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The results from the Inter-Provincial matches were reasonable all players tried their best at all times. There was good spirit and all players supported the teams. The initiation of the new SBA players was done in a fun way.

Grading

At the closing function on Friday evening at the hall the prizes/gradings were awarded

B Section grading

- o Gautami Bhat – 3
- o Keanen Hamid - 7

National Grading

Gautami Bhat – 5

Southerns team achieved 4th place in the B Section .

Many new friends were made and the individual players improved their games. Support for the player(s) on court was always high whether the match was being won or lost. Playing to win was always the first thought from all players. These players represented the Province extremely well for the full duration of the week.

Managers Report – The 2012 Under 17 South African Championship held in Durban.

The Team was made up as follows:

TEAM

Boys

Keenan Hamid
Narayan Moodley
Sam

Girls

Zenita Nigrini - Captain
Priyal Patel
Shelile Perseverance Shelile
Gautami Bhat

South African Championships

The tournament started on Friday 28 September with the Managers meeting and the Opening Ceremony. The tournament was split into 2 halls again which made it difficult to manage and coach players playing on both sides. Mixed Doubles was played on Saturday. Sunday morning was the boys singles, the afternoon was ladies doubles and the evening the first inter provincial match. On Monday it was the girls singles followed by boys doubles and the second round of inter provincials. All games were played up to and including semi finals in the main draw and finals in the plate. Tuesday was the third and fourth round of inter provincials and the individual finals at night.

Individuals

All players took part in the individuals.

••Mixed Doubles

Priyal lost in the finals of the plate event.

••Singles

Priyal played really well taking out the number 2 seed.
Perseverance made it to quarter finals.



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- Doubles
Perseverance and Gautami made it to quarter finals.

There was constant support for all SBA players on court from the rest of the team.

Interprovincial Tournament

This year had 19 teams taking part, divided into 3 sections. Southern players played in the B. We had a problem with filling a team with Southern players and ended up borrowing Perseverance and Sam from NFS. It was a tournament of "could have, should have, would have's". There were games we should have won but just couldn't pull through. Had those games gone our way we would have been competing for first place.

Team Results – 4th in B Section

- Border – 3 – 5 lost
- KZN B – 5 – 3 won
- NC – 7 – 1 won
- NWP – 3 – 5 lost
- WP – 4 – 4 drew

Grading

The closing function was held on straight after the final session on Thursday and provided a good ending to a great tournament and the teams went to Gateway to socialize afterwards.

Section Gradings:

B Section

- Perseverance – graded 2nd
- Priyal – graded 3rd

Special Awards

- Priyal was voted as sports girl of the tournament
- Priyal also won the best smile award.

Well done Priyal!

Summary

As previously mentioned there were a lot of missed opportunities on this tour. My personal feeling is that the players were not mentally strong enough to deal with or overcome the pressure and it would be unfair of me to expect that from them at such a young age. We went in with a specific game plan but quickly had to make adjustments as combinations just did not gel on tour. In the end I know everyone gave it their all even if it was not always with a positive result. I am busy working on a strategy for next year to help better prepare the players. Some thoughts so far is getting them playing in more competitive events as a team prior to the SA's and implementing an evaluation system on their training and progress during the year.

Accommodation

The accommodation was a bit of a let down. I must say the breakfast was nice but for the rest of it I feel for maybe R50 more we could have stayed in a much nicer place. Some of the issues were the communal bathrooms, the dirty showers, broken toilets and just the whole dorm setup. My suggestion would be to identify suitable accommodation in the regions we normally tour, negotiate good rates and stick to them every time we tour there instead of always looking for a new place.



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Thank You

Special thanks to Ajay Patel for the transport and also for assisting me and Rayno with all the other odds and ends on tour. Thanks to Rayno for the assistance in managing the tour. He was a great asset and I don't know if I would have been able to do it without him. If Southern ever needs someone to manage a tour I would highly recommend him. Thanks to Mrs Ngcezula for the water bottle sponsorship. Once again a big thank you to the committee for all the behind the scenes work in organising this tour and giving us all the opportunity to take part in the event.

Managers Report – The 2012 Under 19 South African Championships & Kerr Cup Interprovincial Tournament held in Benoni

Interprovincial Tournament held in Eastern Gauteng.

The Teams were made up as follows:

A TEAM

Boys

Tashlin Hamid - Captain
Prakash Nath
Rayno Nigrini
Ian Carstens

Girls

Isha Bhat
Priyal Patel
Vee Ngcezula
Gautami Bhat

B TEAM

Boys

Keenan Hamid
Byron
Phillip Ndlovu

Girls

Zenita Nigrini - Captain
Candice Wilsnach
Azande Tshongweni
Sage Bannister

South African Championships

The tournament started on Saturday 30 June with the Managers meeting and the Opening Ceremony. Mixed Doubles was played on Saturday and Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon was the ladies doubles followed by the mens doubles. On Monday it was the ladies singles followed by men's singles. All games were played up to and including Quarter finals in the main draw and semis in the plate. Tuesday morning was all semi-finals and plate finals. The first round of IP was played on Tuesday afternoon. In the evening all finals were played. All players took part in the individuals.

••Mixed Doubles

- Prakash playing with Yanke vd Vyver (FS) lost in the Finals of the main draw.
- Tashlin Hamid playing with Konupi Roberts (SED) made it to Quarter Finals of the main draw.
- Isha Bhat playing with Anoop Nair (BOR) made it to Quarter Finals of the main draw.

••Singles

- Prakash Nath played in the Finals against Andries Malan (BOL), unfortunately a tight 3 setter did not go his way this year.

••Doubles

- Isha Bhat playing with ML Vermaak (FS) made it to Quarter finals in the ladies main draw.



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- Prakash Nath and Reneshan Naidoo made it to Semi Finals of the main draw.
- Tashlin Hamid playing with Anoop Nair (BOR) made it to Quarter Finals of the main draw.

All Southern players performed exceptionally well in the Individuals. There was constant support for all SBA players on court from the rest of the team.

Kerr Cup Interprovincial Tournament

This year had 22 teams taking part, divided into 3 sections. The A Team played in the A section and the B Team played in the C Section.

The A team started off on Wednesday by beating KZN A 5-3, NFS 5-3 and had a nail biter against Boland A drawing in the end 4-4. Thursday started off with an easy win over FS 6-2 and beating Border 5-3. This meant at the start of the final round matches, SGBA were on 9 points, WP on 8 and Boland on 7. Boland went on to beat KZN which meant we only needed a draw against WP to win. The tie started off a bit shaky with Priyal losing her first set of the ladies B singles, she made a big come back in the second and third to win comfortably in the end. Tashlin dominated his mens B singles, winning in 2 straight sets. Gautami played the ladies A singles and even though she lost (to the SA ladies singles champ) she played her best game of the tournament by far. Prakash went on to secure the mens A singles which meant the score was 3-1 after the singles. We lost both ladies and mens doubles leaving the score at 3-3 going into the mixed games. Prakash and Isha got off to a steady start and once they built up steam there was just no stopping Isha at the net and Prakash's power from the back, taking the game in 2 sets and also securing the Kerr Cup with their win. After the small on court celebration it was up to Tashlin and Priyal to play the B mixed and finish off in style, after losing the first set Tashlin turned to me during the interval and said "sorry I'll wake up now" and that he did, they went on to win the 2nd and 3rd set making the final score 5-3.

The B team finished 4th in the C section. They had a big win over EGBA on Thursday evening. This was a really good result seeing that 3 players (one of whom is only 12 years old) were playing in their first tournament.

A Team Results – 1st in A Section B Team Results – 4th in C Section

- KZN – won 5 – 3 * BOT B – Botswana withdrew
- NFS – won 5 - 3 * Border B – lost 2 – 6
- Boland A – drew 4 - 4 * KZN C – won 5 – 3
- FS – won 6 – 2 * EP – won – 5 - 3
- Border – won – 5 -3 * EGBA B – won – 5 – 3
- WP – won 5 - 3 * NWP – won 5 – 3
- * NG B – lost 0 - 8

Gradings

The closing function was held on straight after the final session.

Section Gradings:

A Section

- Prakash – graded 2nd

National Gradings:

- Prakash was graded 2nd nationally.

Special Awards

- Gautami Bhat was Selected in the SA u15 team to go to Cameroon.
- Prakash won the Mr SA title.
- Isha Bhat was named as sports girl of the tournament.



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••Priyal won the friendliest girl award.

Summary

The players represented the Province extremely well for the full duration of the week. In my last two reports I've been talking about competing for the Kerr Cup and this year we did it. I think the result of the tour speaks for itself as a summary, all I can think to say is: **"We did it"**. Now the next challenge starts and that is to at least stay in the A section until our young players, who will now have to fill the shoes of all the players who played in their last u19's, have gained the necessary experience to compete for the title once again.

We gained two new players in Candice and Sage who both played in their first (and unfortunately for Sage her last) u19's. They brought a great spirit to the team.

It was a privilege to manage the teams and be part of this tour. All players were always willing to give their best on and off the court.

Thank You

Firstly I'd like to say thanks to Prakash, Isha, Tashlin and Rayno who played in their last u19's this year. We have come a long way with its ups and downs but we managed to end it on the ultimate high. It was an honour and a privilege to coach you and see you all grow into the young adults you are now. Thanks for making me part of this dream come true. I would like to thank the whole junior committee for their involvement in organising this tour. We had new people in key positions ie Jeanette taking over the finances from Rose and they all did a great job. Thanks to Mrs Ngcezula for getting us the sponsorship for the gifts. Thank you to Matthew who came to support the team and ended up assisting me in managing the B team. Thanks to Rayno, my "financial manager" on tour. Also big thanks to the parents who came to support the teams and helped out with lunches and snacks. Last but definitely not least a big thanks to all the players. Each and every one of you played a part in the success of this tournament even if it was just the support you showed to other players to help them through their matches. Everyone played to the best of their abilities and I truly appreciate the commitment showed during training and at the tournament. It was great having you all on tour and I wish you all the best for future tournaments.



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Schools Report

HIGH SCHOOLS REPORT

LEAGUE ENTRIES: 201

During 2011 the following teams have entered into the league:

☞ Alberton High School:	4 girls and 2 boys teams
☞ Bastion:	1 girls and 1 boys team
☞ Bracken High School:	3 girls and 2 boys teams
☞ Diversity:	1 girls team
☞ Forest High School:	1 girls team
☞ Germiston High School:	1 girls team
☞ Mondeor High School:	4 girls and 2 boys teams
☞ Waterstone	1 girl and 2 boys teams

RESULTS WINNERS:

The format of the league changes this year as decided at the Annual General Meeting. Boys and girls were divided into two pools with a semifinals and finals being played on two Friday afternoons in the third term. This ensures that school are able to play more matches during the term and not only two or three.

Boys Section won by Alberton A, followed by Bracken A

Girls Section was won by Alberon A, and followed by Mondeor A

SA SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SA Schools took place in Bloemfontein this year. Alberton High entered two boy's teams and two girl's teams. Bracken High entered a girls and boys team. Mondeor entered two girl's teams and two boy's teams. Waterstone entered one girl's team and two boy's teams. 52 teams entered the tournament. Everyone enjoyed the tournament and gave it their best. Alberton High girls A and B went through to the quarter finals. The B side lost in the quarter finals and the A side advanced to the semi-finals but lost against Botswana. Bracken girls lost in the semifinals against Bloemhof. Thus Alberton High girls were third in the tournament and Bracken girls fourth. From the SA schools Alberton girls were second and the Bracken girls third. Both Bracken A boys and Alberton A boys lost in the semifinals.

SA CHAMPIONSHIPS



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A lot of our learners were selected to represent Southerns at the SA Championships during 2012. Also our congratulations to these learners. Thank you to the coaches that send these learners to these tournaments.

COACHING

Alberton club is still training on Sundays at the club. Please encourage your learners to attend. The academy is not attended by a lot of school. Alberton High is currently supporting the academy.

GENERAL

Thank you to all the coaches for sending in results promptly. Where a school has not sent in a result Andrew just took the other schools results as the final result in the end. Some of the schools however did not send in results.

We still have a problem with schools not notifying in advance that they can not play on a specific day, only notifying the school on the day of the game. This creates problems as the hosting school has arranged for snacks and the learners are waiting and have made arrangements with their parents to be fetched later from school.

The tournament for high schools did not take place this year due to lack of interest from the schools side. Primary schools are still playing their league during this term so not results yet at this stage. It was requested that a primary school tournament be held after their league in the fourth term as to try and promote and get the interest on primary level going again.

Andrew Reynolds has been elected as the new Chairman of the Schools Badminton and everything is running smoothly and he is also assisting with the league fixtures and results.

3 September 2012

Natasha le Grange

HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR



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PRIMARY SCHOOLS REPORT

BADMINTON LEAGUE RESULTS 2012 – GIRLS

	Aloe A	Aloe B	Alberview	Robin H B	Robin H A	WC A	Meredale	Points	Position
Aloe A		9	8	8	9	9	9	6	1
Aloe B	0		7	2	6	5	2	3(22)	5
Alberview	1	2		3	7	3	0	1	6
Robin H B	1	7	6		9	3	2	3(28)	4
Robin H A	0	3	2	0		0	0	0	7
WC A	0	4	6	6	9		5	4(30)	3
Meredale	0	7	9	7	9	4		4(36)	2

BADMINTON LEAGUE RESULTS 2012 – BOYS

	Aloe A	Aloe B	Alberview	Kenton	Robin H A	WC A	Meredale	WC B	Points	Position
Aloe A		9	4	1	5	1	9	5	4	3
Aloe B	0		2	1	0	0	4	3	0	8
Alberview	5	7		0	6	1	0	3	3(22)	6
Kenton	8	8	9		9	5	9	9	7	1
Robin H A	4	9	3	0		2	6	7	3(31)	4
WC A	8	9	8	4	7		9	9	6	2
Meredale	0	5	9	0	3	0		3	2	7
WC B	4	6	6	0	2	0	6		3(24)	5



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PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAGUE RESULTS 2012

League was played at Klipriver Recreation Centre during August and September this year

Final results:

Girls

1. Aloe Ridge A
2. Meredale
3. Waterstone College
4. Robin Hills B
5. Aloe Ridge B
6. Alberview
7. Robin Hills A

Final results:

Boys

1. Kenton
2. Waterstone College A
3. Aloe Ridge A
4. Robin Hills A
5. Waterstone College B
6. Alberview
7. Meredale
8. Aloe Ridge B

Thanks to all for a successful year.

Kerry Powell



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Coaching

Beginning of the year we were asked to set 2 objects for the 2012 year.

For the Coaching sub-committee the objectives were listed as:

- More transparent communication; and
- Minimum of 2 coaching courses for 2012

Having taken on this new position with enthusiasm and motivation, it soon turned to disappointment and frustration.

Objective One was achieved – information indicating various coaching sessions was placed onto the SGBA website.

Objective Two was a lot more difficult than anticipated - An e-mail was sent to all clubs requesting feedback on whether their players were interested in attending a coaching course. Three clubs responded, the Wanderers Club who had players interested in receiving additional coaching, the Alberton Club advising that their players were currently not interested, and Randburg Club had less than a handful of players interested. All other registered clubs in Southern Gauteng did not bother sending a response, not even a 'yes' or 'no'.

With the small number of players interested in receiving coaching, it was not feasible to conduct a course, as the expenses would have heavily outweighed the costs feasible for players.

It is this lack of response which very possibly attributes to the negative perceptions and attitude carried over to players and committee members alike.

Hoping for a better 2013

Birgit Hohl



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Technical Officials

Unfortunately we have once again failed to have a person fulfil this role.

We have however had a generous offer from Avril Tudhope to assist with some basics teaching if we can provide interested people.

Andrew Reynolds has also assisted the province greatly and, as always continues to fly the flag high for Southern Gauteng.



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Seniors

It has been a successful year for the SGBA Seniors with us winning the B section at Melvill Cup, hosting the Woodroffe Cup and sending a side to Stavridis Cup

SGBA Closed – May 2012

We hosted the SGBA Closed at Alberton in May with 15 Singles entries, 34 for the Doubles and 34 for the Mixed. The winners were:

- o Women's Singles – Sarah Rice – Wanderers
- o Men's Singles – Tashlin Hamid – Alberton
- o Women's Doubles – Megan Oates – Alberton and Sarah Rice – Wanderers
- o Men's Doubles – Tashlin Hamid and Cobus Mentz – Alberton
- o Mixed Doubles – Jeff Pawson – Alberton and Angela Hardy – Berario

SA Open Championships and Melvill Cup 2012

6 – 13 October – Bloemfontein

SGBA A – David Calvert

A short report back from Melville for Southern's "A" side competing in the "B" section.

Going into the inter-provincial with only 3 men and 3 women was always going to be a tough, tiring and stressful week.

The team performed exceptionally well and the ladies were outstanding in each and every game.

Our team won the "B" section and the following players graded:

P Nath: No 1
R Kerr: No 3
S Rice: No 3
D Wise: No 10

Thank you to the selectors and Southern's committee for your belief and support in our badminton ability.

SGBA B – Glen Brothers

Unfortunately we can 4th in our section out of 5. Charlene tore her Calf muscle on the first day in our second game.

Defence who came second and was our first game, we lost to 6-2 with 4-3 setters all going the way of Defence. Next Game, with Charlene injury, we basically had to throw 2 games. Ladies B Singles and a B mixed. Lucky on the last day against FS, Charlene and I managed to win the mixed with her hopping around in the front and the whole team played like stars to give us a 6-2 victory against FS to push us to 4th.

I am sure without the injury, we could have done better, or with a fourth player a few more options.



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Only Shaneen was graded, 6th in the C section.

A good week was had by all and a fun time.

Woodroffe Cup 2012

20 – 26 October – Alberton

This tournament was hosted by SGBA in Alberton in October. We had fantastic support from Alberton and specifically Rose Liebenberg, Leonora du Toit and Elsie Fennel. We hosted a successful tournament.

SGBA A – Darryll Robinson

The A side had a very successful tournament in spite of us finishing 3rd. We had a great clash against NG A with a tough 3 setter in the mixed. Unfortunately, we went down 5-2. The only other game we lost was against NCD A which was a very enjoyable match. We lost that one 4-3. Boland was our first fixture and we bullied them into a 7-0 win. SANDF suffered a similar fate but they put in a very competitive effort. The remaining two fixtures were very close: 4-3 up against Border and SGBA B.

The following players were graded, although all were in with a chance:

Leonora – 7th and 7th overall

Jenny – 10th

Darryll – 9th and 10th overall

Neville – 10th

SGBA B – Russ Stroud

The side selected was:

MEN - Dmitry Makarenkov, Russ Stroud (Captain), Jaco van Staden and Jacky Zhong

WOMEN – Kerryn Hugo, Natasha le Grange and Rose Liebenberg

Unfortunately with Christine Jacobs not available for the A side Rose moved up and Shyamala Vijayanath too her place. Dmitry was not available after work commitments in Moscow so we had only 3 men. Early in the team event Natasha damaged her calf and Lyn Bown was called up to replace her – although Lyn had played in the SGBA Masters side her participation was cleared and she added value to the team. Get well soon Natasha.

We had a very successful week playing in the A section. We finished fourth, behind our A side.

We started with a good 4 – 3 win against Border on the Wednesday morning, then in the afternoon we lost 7 – 0 to a very strong NG A side, but all matches were competitive. Thursday was three matches with a 6 – 1 loss to a strong NCD A side at the 09:00 session, then at the 16:00 session we lost a close match 4 – 3 to SGBA A, then in the 19:30 session we beat SANDF 6 – 1. Our final game against a weak Boland side took place on Friday morning with us winning 7 – 0. A great team effort and much support for all the players.

Individuals were fair. Natasha with Rose Liebenberg won the Complimentary Women's Doubles event. Russ with Darryll Robinson and Jaco with Emmanuel Makhele both made it to the quarterfinals of the Men's Doubles. Jacky with Mac Zulu won the Complimentary Men's Doubles event. Quite a few got through to the last 16 in the Mixed Doubles.

Kerryn was graded 9th in the A section and 9th overall. All the players were in the running for a grading – Russ won 75% of all games played.

Well played to the full team and thanks for all the support.



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SGBA C – Elsie Fennel

Team

Elsie Fennel (C), Norah Du Plessis and Claudine Lefebvre

Ashley Hempel, Emmanuel Makhele, Willie Mentz and Mahesh Satyapal

The C Side came 3rd in the B section and considering we played most of our games without Norah (due to illness in the family) we did well, and the team spirit stayed high and positive.

Willie Mentz and Elsie Fennel was graded 5 in the men's and women's section, not leaving the rest of the players out, all played with heart, did their best and showed good sportsmanship throughout. Thanks to all for a great tournament all together.

Stavridis Cup 2012

21 – 27 October – Orkney – Pierre Martin

- Neels Botes and Maryna Brewis lost in the Plate mixed finals
- Chantall McCarthy and Maryna Brewis lost in the Open doubles semi finals
- Susan Cronje and Petro Cronje won the Plate doubles
- Maryna Brewis won the Plate singles
- Neels Botes and Pierre Martin lost the Plate doubles semi finals
- Neels Botes lost the Plate singles semi finals
- Pierre Martin lost the Plate singles semi finals

SGBA came last in the team event. The A section was too tough for the team entered.

Maryna Brewis got ranked. I think she was ranked 7th.

GENERAL

The Criteria for Senior selection was distributed to all Clubs in early February to ensure all players were aware what they needed to do to be eligible for selection for the Association.

Unfortunately there was no coach available for the Seniors this year. Training was reasonable well attended on Sundays and alternated between Alberton and Wanderers. There was not always the required commitment from some players to the training.

Thanks to the Selectors who performed their duties under tough circumstances this year:

- Glen Brothers
- David Calvert – Convenor
- Rose Knight
- Rose Liebenberg
- Drikus Mentz
- Eddie Seaton
- Russ Stroud



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Darryll Robinson also attended most meetings of the Selectors and his input was also valuable. This is a thankless task but I do believe that the Selectors have performed their duties admirably.

There is a definite need to find ways to generate income for the Association, fund raising needs to be a responsibility of a Committee member. Melvill Cup is scheduled for Benoni in 2013 and Woodroffe and Stavridis will be consolidated in Pretoria. We have to find ways to generate income to ensure we are able to meet the needs of our players into the future.

Personally I am not sure if I will continue to serve on the SGBA Committee, it has been an exceptionally tough year and with SGBA hosting Woodroffe Cup in Alberton I needed more SGBA support.

Well done to all players and good luck for 2013.

Yours in badminton

RUSS STROUD



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Masters

2012 Badminton season

The backend of another challenging season approaches as the year draws to an end. The evergreen contingent of SGBA has successfully completed another badminton season despite trying economic times. The Veterans and Masters were represented at a number of local tournaments and helped out in lower age group events on many occasions. The Sunday Vets and Masters training session continues to be well supported and SGBA representative teams delivered solid results at the SA tournaments. The categories of Evergreen Players were represented by a single representative at SGBA Committee meetings. The Veterans and Masters were represented by Eddie Seaton and Elsie Fennell and the senior Grand Masters, Silver and Golden Eagles players were coordinated by Yvonne Oerder, Elsie managed the finances and most of the administration. Thank you ladies for ensuring that SGBA Evergreens Badminton administration was maintained at a high standard..

Calenda of Evergreen events for 2012

- **Veterans (>40)** - SA Veterans Championship Pretoria 4-11 August 2012
- **Masters (>50)** - SA Masters Open Durban 19-26 May 2012
- **Grand Masters (>55)** - SA Grand Masters Open Port Elizabeth 2-8 September 2012
- **Silver Eagles (>60)** - SA Silver Eagles Open Cape Town 15-21 April 2012
- **Golden Eagles (>65)** - SA Golden Eagles Open East London 3-9 Jun 2012

Orkney tournament took place on Saturday 4 February and was well represented by Evergreens players.. Team of 6 players plus 2 played in other teams entered from SGBA



Swaziland Bash took place on 23rd – 25th March and had wide SG representation comprising many from the Evergreens categories.

Veterans Championship Pretoria 4-11 August 2012 (over 40 years)

SGBA fielded 3 teams for the third successive year which in itself is an achievement given the cost to individuals of a tournament even if close to SG. The representatives were

A Section	Jeff Pawson (C) Mark McDougal Raymond Glad	Gail McLoughlin Hannetjie Brits (M) Angela Hardy Linda Hampton
B Section	Wayne Allen Dmitry Makarenkov Russ Stroud (C)	Jenny Shultz Christine Jacobs(M) Leonora du Toit



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C Section

Harvey Ferreira
Richard Miles
Willie Mentz

Elsie Fennell
Rose Liebenberg (C) (M)
Norah du Plessis
Lyn Bown

A general observation is that the tournament was well organised with full participation by all players. Refreshments and court management was of a high standard. Fortunately there were no serious injuries during the week. All players stayed at home and travelled in every day.

Players participating in the individual tournament met with mixed success with a number progressing to quarters, semis and finals. SGBA did not have as many gradings as previous years.

The contribution made by Elsie Fennell in managing the finances, accomodation, administration and momentos essential to ensuring a successful time must be acknowledged, thanks Elsie, you made a substantial contribution to the success of SGBA participation at Vets 2012.

A special mention is made of Harvey Ferreira who again represented SGBA in every category that he qualified for, his contribution to SGBA was extremely valuable given the unavailability of many players.

Masters SA Championships Durban 19-26 May 2012 (over 50 years)

SGBA team ended 4th in the A Section

SGBA Masters team

Bert Bateman
Kevin Mann
Harvey Ferreira

Gail McLoughlin
Anna-marie Roets
Lyn Bown

Gail McLoughlin went to the finals in section. Gail and Bert did well in the mixed doubles. The players achieved fairly in the individuals with different partners. The team event was a very good all round event. Well done SGBA Masters.

Grand Masters SA Championship Port Elizabeth 2-8 September 2012 (over 55 years)

This year the event was held in Port Elizabeth.

SGBA Grand Masters team

Harvey Ferreira
Dave Marais
Les Brazier

Lyn Bown
Sue Cherry
Norah du Plessis

SGBA played in the B Section, the team had a good tournament.

SA Silver Eagles Championship Cape Town 10-15 April 2012 (over 60 years)

SGBA Silver Eagles team

Johan Croukamp
Harvey Ferreira
Peter Czank

Hester Reed
Yvonne Oerder
Norah du Plessis
Joan de Wet



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The tournament was played in two sections, SGBA played in the A Section. SGBA beat Boland and NCD and drew the three other games against EP, KZN and WP. SGBA played EP on the last day and had to beat them to the section. EP and KZN finished on 10 points, on count out KZN won. SGBA finished on 9 points. J Croukamp again won all three titles, with Peter in the men's and Meryl in mixed. Harvey lost to Harry Dawson in the semis of the singles and with his partner (Andries van Eck) in semis in the men's to Harry and Barry Sharp (EP). A good week was held by all.

Yvonne Oerder
Manager

SA Golden Eagles Championship East London 2–3 June 2012 (over 65 years)

This year we traveled to KZN district for the tournament in Vryheid, many of the players had never played in the area so it was nice to go to some place new. Just don't know what goes on in the area as accommodation proved to be plentiful but very expensive. With availability of the hall a bit of problem, the tournament was played early from 29 May to 3 June 2011.

SGBA Golden Eagles team	Owen Kerr	Jeanette Woodburn
	Peter Czank (NW)	Joan de Wet
	Derek Meiring (EP)	Yvonne Oerder
	Don Harvey	Mysie Buitendag

There were seven teams taking part.

Yvonne Oerder
Manager

Calendar of Evergreen events for 2013

- **Veterans (>40)** - SA Veterans Championship Rustenberg 3-10 August 2013
- **Masters (>50)** - SA Masters Open Robertson 5-11 May 2013
- **Grand Masters (>55)** - SA Grand Masters Open Orkney 2-8 September 2013
- **Silver Eagles (>60)** - SA Silver Eagles Open Robertson 7-12 April 2013
- **Golden Eagles (>65)** - SA Golden Eagles Open Alberton 23-29 June 2013

- **MELVILLE at Benoni: 5 - 12 October 2013**



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Evergreens Finance 2012

This finance section was prepared by Elsie Fennell

Income / Expenditure from 1 October 2011 to 31 October 2012

Income

Balance brought forward 2011	R 1 725.03
R25 per player per practice and tournaments	R 15 800.00
Interest on credit balance	R 1.14
Donations	R 70.00
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	R 17 596.17

Expenses

Shuttles for practice	R 9 650.00
Vets hall hire for 13 months	R 975.00
Vets players fees to Wanderers non members @R5.00	R 1 670.00
Vets hall hire/players fee Alberton	R 210.00
Cash on hand	R 2 293.79
Bank charges	R 175.63
Gifts 2012	R 2 100.00
Short fall entry fees for vets not paid	R 63.00
Vets loss- players not paid for practice/visitors	R 350.00
Flowers for Sue	R 108.75
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	R17 596.17
	=====

All entry fees, accommodation and most of the Gifts amounts for Masters and Vets were paid by the individual players participating.

Eddie Seaton
SGBA Evergreens Representative



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Development

I was approached in October 2012 to join the Southern Gauteng Badminton committee to fill the role of Development officer. My role will be effective from January 2013.

My role as Development officer for 2013 will be discussed further with the committee, and some of my responsibilities for 2013 will be outlined in the SGBA 2013 development plan.

I am unable to report on the events of 2012 because it was only late in the year that I joined the committee.

Yours

Emmanuel Makhele



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Players Representative

2012 has been very subdued year, with no major incidences, officially reported.

Some trends have been noticed through out the province;

A general downward trend in enthusiasm for badminton, regular die-hards are becoming less so.

Speaking to players has uncovered more often than not, is the pressure of modern life in general.

Top players are leaving the game as a whole. As well as stronger player choosing to hold private training session and not mixing with regular club players. These trends have been around for many years, but progressively weighing heavy on SGBA clubs and members.

Vets Sunday training, Junior training, Intermediate training session, while a good thing, has negatively impacted clubs, in that many players who train in these dedicated session, then do not go to their standard club nights. Badminton clubs work very much like night clubs, a night club with ten people doesn't have a good vibe and doesn't have repeat guests, on the other hand a packed night club has a great vibe and encouraged repeat visits.

There have been very mixed feelings and ideas regarding the BSA committee and the recent election efforts, as well as team selections in general. The committee took the stance to only accept formal complaints in writing, and not officially take action on any passage talk, or informal complaints.

The hosting of the Woodroffe 2012 tournament, was well received.

Lastly I will be stepping down as players rep by the end of the year, but will assist in identifying a replacement.

Regards

Wayne Hing.



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League

DOUBLES LEAGUE (5 March – 5 April)

The league was revert back to be played during week evenings, as it was inconclusive from last year that playing on a Saturday was a success. Fourteen teams entered the SGBA doubles league from 5 different clubs in Southern Gauteng. This is two teams down from 2011 (16), and four teams down from 2010 (18). A Premier, First and Second league was established. All matches were played and very few matches were postponed or rescheduled for the doubles league. WE can see this that the league was successful.

The league was played with minimum of 4 men, to encourage more men onto the courts as it was felt that there are many more men playing badminton. The Premier league was exempted from this, as there weren't going to be enough teams. For Premier the format was 1 ladies doubles, 1 men's doubles, and 4 mixed doubles. In the first and second league; 1 ladies doubles, 2 men's doubles and 4 mixed doubles.

It was an experiment to get as many male players on the court, teams were entered with 4 men for the first and second league, but it was found during the games that teams found it difficult to show up with 4 men. Therefore it is not recommended for next year to require a minimum of 4 men.

PREMIER	FIRST	SECOND
Alberton A	Alberton D	Randburg A
Alberton B	Alberton E	Randburg B
Alberton C	Impala	Randburg C
Berario A	Wanderers B	Wanderers D
Wanderers A	Wanderers C	

Results for the Doubles League were as follows:

- Premier – Wanderers A
- First – Wanderers B
- Second – Wanderers D

MAJOR LEAGUE (14 May – 16 August)

This league was contested on a home and away basis and started on Monday 14 May 2012. League completed on Friday 16 August with one match outstanding. Format of play was for Premier league – 4 Singles, 2 Doubles and 2 Mixed – and for First league – 2 Singles, 2 Doubles and 3 Mixed. There were two leagues contested; premier and first league. Due to the small number of teams entering in the second league (3); and these teams were all from the same club, it was decided to make a larger first league. Two groups of 4 teams that competed and after that the final matches where the number 1 and 2 of each group played against each other, and the number 3 and 4 of each group. Entries were 14 teams, which is 3 teams down from 2011 (17). During the league two teams withdrew.

There were quite a number of players playing down in the incorrect side; this however has not influenced the results and none of the opponent teams contested this. Seeing that there are less and less teams playing, players just want to play the games.

At the end of league, there was only one match outstanding, however this resulted in a combined 3rd and 4th place for Alberton B and Alberton C (premier league). Berario withdrew from the league in the second half due to injuries. Randburg C withdrew from the first league shortly before the league started. Highway Gardens withdrew from the league in the Final Stage due to shortage of players.



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PREMIER	FIRST
Alberton A	Alberton D
Alberton B	Alberton E
Alberton C	Highway Gardens (<i>withdrawn from finals</i>)
Berario (<i>withdrawn from league due to injuries</i>)	Randburg A
Wanderers A	Randburg B
Wanderers B	Randburg C (<i>withdrawn from league</i>)
	Wanderers C
	Wanderers D

Clubs need to ensure that when entering league they have the required players (and strong captains), for the duration of the season, so that they can fulfil all their fixtures. **All league players pay to play league and thus would like to ensure that they get the amount of games as expected.**

Results for the Major League were as follows:

- o Premier – Wanderers A
- o First – Alberton D

GENERAL

The league was reasonable successful. We acknowledge that the number of teams entering for Doubles League and Major League is reducing every year. The Committee has discussed many issues to try to improve this situation; however it did not have much result so far. There also seem to be more men wanting to play and not enough women to form teams. This has been discussed in length within the committee and several options were tabled:

1. Create two leagues: the normal mixed and a men's league
2. Create two leagues: the normal mixed and an individual league, where individual (as opposed to clubs) can enter and put together a team of three people.

The second idea was implemented and set up, however there was one entry for this league, so it was either not communicated well enough, or there is no interest in such a league.

Also an option has been raised to set up a social league for the people that just started playing. Clubs have quite a large group of people that has just started to play. This suggestion will be taken into the New Year.

The Committee will be reviewing the 2012 league structure to try to get better participation. Suggestions from players to improve the league are welcome and will be evaluated for the 2012 league.

For the New Year, we are looking into making the league more website based, where teams can upload their score sheets and provide the results through the website.

Well done to all players and good luck for the new-year.

Warm regards

MARLOES REININK



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Communications

Communications will always be an important aspect to the smooth running of our association. Players who know what is happening within their province are empowered to take control of their badminton life. Communication is a difficult task as a vast amount of information is received on a daily basis. This must be reviewed and distributed to the relevant parties as quickly as possible or the information contained therein loses its value. SGBA uses three main channels to communicate with its players: the SGBA website (www.southernbadminton.co.za), our Twitter account (@SGBaddies) and email.

The SGBA website was professionally updated this year. The committee would like to thank Marloes Reinink and her company, Solid Green who kindly paid for the revamp. An attractive website with good quality images is vital to attracting sponsors. The BSA Media Liaison remarked favourably on our website at the recent BSA AGM. It certainly is something to be proud of!

That said, more improvements will be made to the website with the view to automating as many tasks as possible within the administration of the association. One such improvement would be for all registrations to be sent to the correct club chairman to approve. Upon acceptance of the registration, an invoice would be sent to the club's treasurer. This will alleviate many headaches, especially when it comes to capitation figures and costs.

The Twitter feed is followed by some of our younger players and has been used to communicate important information this year. The aim is to expand on the use of Twitter in the coming years to attract players to events and to maintain interest.

Email remains the crucial communication link to our players. For this reason, it is vital that all email addresses are kept up to date via the website. Early in the new year, all emails will be sent via the website to provide conformity of design and access for more administrators.

As always, if there are any comments or suggestions to improve our communications, please feel free to contact the Players Rep or me.

Darryll Robinson
SGBA Communications Officer



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SOUTHERN GAUTENG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION ON 26 November 2012

Proposed change:

1 CURRENT WORDING

Each club affiliated to the Association and in good standing shall have the right to nominate two (2) delegates who shall have one (1) vote each for the purpose of voting at a General or Special meeting.

Life members have a right to vote at all General and Special meetings.

Unless he/she is delegated, no member of the Association Committee shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

2 PROPOSED CHANGE

Wording to be changed to :

Each club affiliated to the Association and in good standing shall have the right to nominate two (2) delegates who shall have one (1) vote each for the purpose of voting at a General or Special meeting.

Life members have a right to vote at all General and Special meetings. All members in good standing (paid up with no disciplinary action taken in the 12 months prior) shall be entitled to one (1) vote at a General or Special meeting.

~~Unless he/she is delegated, no member of the Association Committee shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting.~~

REASON FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

All decisions made at the General and Special meetings are binding on all the members of the Association. It stands to reason that all members should have a say in the way the Association is run. Being able to vote should also help the declining numbers of attendance.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SOUTHERN GAUTENG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION ON 26 November 2012

Proposed change:

3 CURRENT WORDING

Audit

The accounts and vouchers of the Honorary Treasurer shall be examined by the Auditor as at 31 October each year, together with the accounts and vouchers of all the Sub-Committees.

The consolidated Financial Statements shall be examined and certified by the Auditor as being a true and fair statement of the affairs of the Association as at 31 October each year to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in Johannesburg in November or December, at the discretion of the Association Committee

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3.1.1.1.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

3.1.1.1.1.1 Clause 20

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a) Submission of Proposals

Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution or Rules Governing Competitions must be made in writing and be in the hand of the Honorary Secretary on or before 31st October (or four weeks before the date set for the Annual General Meeting, whichever is later) each year in respect of the Annual General Meeting, or one month before the date requested for a Special General Meeting, unless proposed by the Executive.

4 PROPOSED CHANGE

Wording to be changed to:

Audit

The accounts and vouchers of the Honorary Treasurer shall be examined by the Auditor as at 30 September each year, together with the accounts and vouchers of all the Sub-Committees.

The consolidated Financial Statements shall be examined and certified by the Auditor as being a true and fair statement of the affairs of the Association as at 30 September each year to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

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SOUTHERN GAUTENG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to Badminton South Africa

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in Johannesburg in January or February, at the discretion of the Association Committee

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4.1.1.1.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

4.1.1.1.1.1 Clause 20

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b) **Submission of Proposals**

Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution or Rules Governing Competitions must be made in writing and be in the hand of the Honorary Secretary on or before 30th November (or four weeks before the date set for the Annual General Meeting, whichever is later) each year in respect of the Annual General Meeting, or one month before the date requested for a Special General Meeting, unless proposed by the Executive.

REASON FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

The number of tournaments in which SGBA participates at the end of the year has grown since the Constitution was first drafted. This places undue pressure on the Honorary Treasurer to complete the financial statements and have them audited before the Annual General Meeting. It is suggested that the financial year end is moved to 30 November which will allow ample time to complete the financial responsibilities of the Association.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SOUTHERN GAUTENG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION ON 26 November 2012

Item:

1. Change the financial year end to 1st quarter of the year

Reason/Letter Attached:

1. Too many tournaments happening towards end of the year – does not give sufficient time to SGBA finance person to have documents ready for auditors and in turn for AGM



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Nominations

Juniors

Ravi Bhat

Linda Hampton

Schools

Natasha le Grange

Technical Officials

Avril Tudhope

Seniors

Russell Stroud

Masters

Elsie Fennel

Coaching

Birgit Hohl

Communication

Darryll Robinson

Selectors

Eddie Seaton

Rose Liebenberg

Rose Knight

Russell Stroud

Drikus Mentz

David Calvert

Glen Brothers