

INTERNATIONAL JUJSKEI NEWS



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The President's Global Desk

Good day fellow jujskei players and friends. I can't say that a dream has come true because becoming the President of the IJF was not part of my dreams. Sitting in the Chair, knowing that there had been two dedicated predecessors, namely Prof Gerrie Jacobs and Gieliana Boshoff, means that an effortless continuation of the IJF's objectives for a successful new term of office is needed.

While mentioning their names, I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for what they had done for the IJF. Knowing that the IJF was established in 1979, Prof Gerrie took a step forward and made the IJF part of TAFISA, which is coupled with the International Olympic Committee. Prof Gerrie had, and always will have, the passion and ability to advertise jujskei as a precision throwing sport. Gieliana did her utmost to lead the IJF EXCO to the best of her ability. Following in the footsteps of Prof Gerrie was not an easy task. My sincere thanks for what the two of you have done.

I cannot ignore the fact that I am surrounded by the best team any President can dream of. Paging through our webpage reading the first Circular, the intentions of each of the members can be noticed. I think they deserve the necessary acknowledgment and support.

All organisations have a lot of goals to pursue, of which one common goal, namely **Communication**, distinguishes itself.

I won't refer to any other goals of the IJF, except **Communication**.

We, as the IJF Jujskei family, will not make any progress if we do not address the problem around communication. All objectives should regularly be followed up with progress reports: **I urge you, as the Jujskei family, to keep your members informed of the work and intentions of the IJF EXCO, but do not forget about your affiliated players. Being a member of an EXCO, no matter what level, does not mean your members know what you know without keeping them informed.**

Let us stay positive about the future of Jujskei.



IJF Executive of 2010.



**President:
Dirk Brits**

"The Exco are like a sailing-boat, where each of the Exco members is a sail. If you do not work and keep your sail in the wind, the ship will remain in the harbour and wouldn't reach its destination."

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SOME OF MY LASTING MEMORIES OF INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI

I have been requested (by their Director of Corporate Communication, Tinus Barnard) to make a contribution to the International Jukskei Federation's first newsletter of 2021. I have accepted his cordial request, knowing that I need to revisit some of the years which could perhaps be regarded as historical in respect of the IJF's developmental timeline. I last served as an official of the IJF in 2013, which is already eight years ago. It is quite unreal how time seems to be flying, or at least that is my perception.

I was so privileged to have had so many positive and uplifting experiences during the three separate terms during which I was involved with the IJF's Executive Committee. My three terms were respectively:

Term 1: From 1991 to 1995 – a 5-year period, during which I served as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Jukskei Board (IJB), as it was known at the time.

Term 2: One season in 2006/07, when I was co-opted to the Executive Committee of the International Jukskei Association (IJA), as it was known at the time, specifically tasked in an attempt to get the USA Jukskei Association formally involved in international Jukskei again and also to enhance the international stature of our sport.

Term 3: From 2007 to 2013, a period of 6 to 7 years, during which I served as President of the International Jukskei Federation (IJF), the internationally preferred name that the body has adopted at the time and still carries today.

There were too many really inspirational and worthwhile memories of the IJF during these years to mention, and I have decided to rather cover just a few aspects that I regard as international jukskei highlights between 2006 and 2013. Lasting memories of all of these events will remain with me until the day that I die. You will find a little bit of detail on each memorable event below, in no specific order or sequence of importance. I did not draft a detailed description of each of these events, with the exception of one, namely Jukskei's recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as an international precision-throwing sport. I will rather provide you with limited details accompanying each photo or two of an IJF highlight/event. These photos will hopefully make your hearts feel warm (again), and every photo, of course, also 'speaks a thousand words'.

On the 22nd of November 2010, the IJF was presented with a unique opportunity to convince a specially appointed committee of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that Jukskei is truly an international sport, which is played and governed in such a manner that it might be able, depending on resources, to spread to several countries over time. This opportunity came during the IOC's SportAccord Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland. The convention, which took place in cold, snowy weather, was a capacity-building event geared at international sport federations. Hundred-and-four (104) international federations from all over the world, were represented by 228 participants at the convention. It was a grandiose occasion, with all participants dressed either in their respective sport federation's formal attire or in collar and tie. As the convention was an IOC initiative, it was officially opened by Dr Jacques Rogge, the then IOC President.

In my capacity as IJF President at the time, I was invited to present the so-called 'Case for Jukskei's recognition as international sport' to the above-mentioned ten-person IOC Committee on the first evening of the convention. The Committee was chaired by Dr Jan Fransoo, from the Netherlands, who was the President of the International Korfball Federation. I was rather nervous before my presentation, but I knew that Jukskei had a very good case indeed. Two hours later, having to face many questions and queries after my presentation, the outcome was entirely positive. Jukskei (and also Horseshoe Pitching) were unanimously acknowledged as international precision-throwing sports by the committee of the IOC. A recommendation was made that the IJF should attempt to affiliate with TAFISA (The Association for International Sport for All), and that the IOC will endorse our application. TAFISA would, in their view, also pave the way for Jukskei's 'sister sport', Horseshoe Pitching, to be recognised as precision-throwing sport and to be affiliated with TAFISA as well. It is now more than ten years since that late November evening in Lausanne and I can't help thinking about the massive challenge that the sport of Jukskei faced under quite unusual circumstances. I am still of the opinion today that it was a ground-breaking moment in the IJF's history.

Joined here after my presentation by two members of the IOC Committee, which recognised Jukskei and Horseshoe Pitching as international precision-throwing sports, at the SportAccord Convention in Lausanne, Switzerland in Nov 2010



**Honorary Member
Prof. Gerrie Jacobs**



The President and Secretary of the **World Curling Federation**, Kate Caithness and Colin Grahamslaw (both from Scotland), were exposed to the skill and rules of Jukskei, during the IOC's meeting in Durban in July 2011. The finer art of measurement is demonstrated to them by Tinus Barnard on the Durban beachfront. Curling is also classified as a precision-throwing sport by the IOC.



In July 2010, the IJF sent a delegation, consisting of a group of jukskei players, to the World Tournament of Horseshoe Pitching in Cedar Rapids in the USA. The delegation is joined here by Stuart Sipma, the President of the *National Horseshoe Pitching Association of the USA*. Gerrie Jacobs (President) and Anna Stoltz (Chief Operating Officer of the IJF) are sitting on the right in the front row.



Framed certificates, honouring their role in the promotion of Jukskei in the United States of America over many years, were presented to Gary Roberts (left) and Ottie Reno (middle) on the 1st of August 2010 in Cedar Rapids in the USA. Ottie's certificate also acknowledges his inauguration as an honorary member of the IJF at the time.



The President of the World Curling Federation, Kate Caithness, casts a skey on the Durban beachfront (in July 2011), while Melanie Jacobs is encouraging her from the side.



A friendly jukskei 'test match' took place on the 31st of July 2010 in Cedar Rapids in the USA, between an IJF team and a team of the USA Jukskei Association. The USA team manager was Ottie Reno (front left), while well-known other USA team members were Gary Roberts (front, 2nd from left), Floyd Hix (sitting next to Gary) and Allen Smith (4th from left in the back row). The IJF team members were Tinus Barnard (2nd from left in the back row), Willie Goosen (next to Tinus), Tjaart Booyens (3rd from right in the back row), Bets Hansen (next to Tjaart) and Annetjie van der Merwe (back row, right). The IJF team was coached by Melanie Jacobs (back row, left) and Thomas Venter (4th from right in the back row) was the team manager. The IJF team clinched the match, but the competition was quite severe.



The **22nd TAFISA World Congress** took place in Antalya in Turkey from the 11th until the 18th of November 2011. This photo shows the stage used for keynote presentations. Note the projecting screens on both sides of the stage. The whole Congress, attended by more than 500 international delegates, was a really well-organised event. It was during this Congress that an IJF delegation met with the President and other Executive Committee members of TAFISA, after which the IJF (and also the International body for Horseshoe Pitching, should they wish so) were granted permission to apply for TAFISA membership. The IJF's membership application was approved during TAFISA's General Assembly in 2012.



Gieliana Boshoff (in the middle, from Namibia, in her capacity as Vice-President of the IJF), I (in my capacity as IJF President) and Gary Roberts (in his capacity as President of the USA Jukskei Association) participated in the 22nd TAFISA World Congress in Turkey in November 2011. The three of us also met with the Exco of TAFISA during the event.

I presented a scientific paper during the 22nd TAFISA World Congress in Antalya, Turkey in Nov 2011. The paper focused on the cross-cultural and cross-country potential of the precision-throwing sports of Jukskei and Horseshoe Pitching. The session was chaired by Wim Florijn (Vice-President of the International Korfball Federation)



The IJF was represented by a group of very able and very keen Jukskei enthusiasts from Namibia and South Africa at **TAFISA's 5th World Sport for All Games in Siauliai, Lithuania** during the first week of July 2012. On the photo from left to right are: Tinus Barnard (President of Jukskei SA); Erik Strauss (member of Jukskei Namibia's Executive Committee); Elna van der Berg (member of the Junior Committee of Jukskei SA and also a member of Jukskei SA's national women's team); Francois Boshoff (national men's team member of Jukskei Namibia); Karien Marais (the Director of Junior matters and Finances of Jukskei SA); Johan Botma (national men's team member of Jukskei Namibia); Gieliana Boshoff (IJF Vice-President) and Buks vd Bergh (2nd Vice-President of Jukskei SA).



The plaque that the National Horseshoe Pitching Association (NHPA) of the United States of America presented to TAFISA during the 5th World Sport for All Games in Siauliai, Lithuania in July 2012



Daan Oosthuizen (Central Gauteng), Gerrie Jacobs (IJF President), Gary Roberts and Floyd Hix (both USA Jukskei Association) participated as a team in Jukskei SA's Senior Championship in April 2011 in the 2nd veterans' division. This was the first time since 1990 (a period of 21 years) that members of the USA Jukskei Association visited South Africa and Namibia again. The photo was taken after their match against the team of Free State Province.

This photo of the USA Jukskei team, which played a test match against a Namibian Jukskei team in April 2011 in Kroonstad, featured in the USA newspaper, The Portsmouth News. Their unexpected victory over the Namibian team was a first in Jukskei history.



The US Team at the Jukskei Championships in Kroonstad, South Africa, in March 2011. Pictured, from left to right, is Floyd Hix of Virginia, Gary Roberts of Ohio, Casey Sluys of California, Debbie Michaud of Massachusetts, and Delmar Scowden of Ohio. The US Team defeated Namibia, 21-12, to win the silver medal in the doubles competition.

FIRST WORLD CLASS CHAMPION CROWNED IN 2011 TOURNAMENT
The very first World Class Championship trophy is going home to South Africa!



Nic Van Stryp (left) edged out countryman, Thomas Venter, to win the Men's Class J2 title.

This was a great showing in their first ever appearance in an NHPA World Horseshoe Pitching Championship.

Helgard Hansen 1st in Class G2.



Champ Men's G-2

A number of Jukskei players from South Africa participated in the World Horseshoe Pitching Championship in July 2011 in Monroe in the USA. Nic van Stryp was just-just triumphant in the Men's J2 division (with Thomas Venter taking the 2nd position), while Helgard Hansen was champion in the more challenging and prestigious Men's G2 division. These are incredible achievements if one takes into account that they are not Horseshoe Pitchers by trade, but rather Jukskei players.



The photos and pictures above portray just some of the events that have made a lasting impression on me during my term as President of the International Jukskei Federation (IJF). I could have provided you with many more wonderful memories. My term as IJF President came to an end in April 2013. It really was one of the most exciting and also most fulfilling periods of my life. I was truly blessed, and I am still humbled today by the opportunity that I have had to be involved in and entrusted with the sport of Jukskei at an international level.

I want to convey my most sincere gratitude to all individuals who diligently served with me on the Exco of the IJF at some stage. I also want to convey my most sincere appreciation to the various members of Executive Committees of *Jukskei South Africa*, *Jukskei Namibia*, the *USA Jukskei Association* and the *National Horseshoe Pitching Association of the USA*, who graciously served these two sports at the time, and who continue to do so. My final words to the new Exco of the IJF, as well as my wish for Jukskei on the international front, are captured in the image below. This was also my 'farewell' slide at the end of my term as President in April 2013.

Greetings from Randburg and thank you for this 'look back in time' opportunity.

Gerrie J Jacobs

14 March 2021

Participation and Covid-19

Due to the influence of Covid-19, sport all over the world had become less active.

Now, after a year, Provinces in South Africa and regions/clubs in Namibia have started playing jukskei on a large scale. The SA Academy week took place from 15 to 19 March 2021 in Kroonstad, South Africa, and it was a huge success.

The SA Tournament will take place from 25 to 30 April 2021 if covid-19 restrictions allowed.

We hope the jukskei season 2021/2022 will take place with test matches between all members of the IJF.

We see forward to renewed efforts to the best advantage of Jukskei International — it only takes small beginnings to change people's lives.



**Vice-president:
Erik Strauss**



**Chief Operational
Officer**

The COO in Command

Acknowledge of receipt of email

Many people think it is not important to respond to an email after it has been received. A reply with only a 'Thank you – received' is sufficient because that way the sender knows that the email has been delivered and received.

It is also good to respond before the deadline should any feedback be requested even if it is just to apologize that the feedback may be late.

TAFISA and International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) "Gender Equity Online Workshop"

'Girls and Women Empowerment in Sport for All'

Tafisa hosted a workshop on International Women's Day on 8 March 2021. This two hour event was hosted via Zoom and more than 50 participants (men and women) have been listening from around the world. The COO of the IJF, Daleen Roos, attended the workshop.

The welcome was given by Mrs Catherine Forde, Vice-President of Tafisa.

Thereafter Mrs Wendy Gillet (Oceanic Special Adviser from Tafisa) gave a talk on making sport accessible for everyone to practise. She said that 'Sport for All' is an intended deviation from the traditional sport system. Their focus is mainly on the relationships between fathers and daughters to bond via sport which involves sport skills as well as socialisation.

The next speaker was Mrs Julia Tappendorf, the Global Programs and Operations Coordinator of the ITTF Foundation. Julia is involved in Table Tennis. She mentioned the following:

- Table Tennis organises an International Table Tennis day on April 6 every year
- Each country presents it in its own format
- It is important to give recognition to the organisers and participants
- She requested that everyone work on 'female empowerment' as well as 'gender equality'

Mariette Brethouwer, Director of Made to Play, Social Community Impact, NIKE EME gave a very interesting talk about:

Today's children are the least active generation than ever in the past

Girls 'drop' 2 times more from sports than boys and this does not include the girls who have never been active

- Today's generation is expected to die five years younger than their parents because of being inactive
- They have a commitment to make all the children 'move' – in other words to be active of whatever nature
- It is important to make sport a daily play serving kids who are at the highest risk of opting out of sport
- It is important to start with early positive sports at a young age
- Sport experience must be given for all kids but with a focus on girls
- It is important to recruit coaches, train them and also give recognition to quality coaches
- It is important how to get (and keep) girls to play
- Remove barriers for girls to play through inspiration, education and product which includes any way eg motivating, emotional etc

Development in Countries

Being able to be part of training is a special privilege, perhaps the most challenging portfolio of the IJF.

Training can be divided into so many facets, such as the training of managers, referees and other important positions available in the sport.

We are currently working hard to get the necessary training materials ready in order to provide the training concerned.

Along with training goes the development of the sport, not only in the countries where jukskei is played, but also in new countries where the sport is totally unknown.

Because Jukskei is so difficult to master, it's a huge challenge. Not only should it be prevented that the coach is discouraged because of the slow progress, but the player himself easily loses interest, because of the comprehensive progress of getting familiar with jukskei in all its facets.

To avoid the above, it is important that the training process is implemented in the shortest term possible. Further, to succeed, the process of coaching will have to be as professional as possible in all aspects.

The good news is that there are countries that have already indicated that they are interested in establishing jukskei as a sport with them. As already mentioned, these are countries such as Botswana, Kenya, Central Africa, Lesotho, Cameroon, Nieu Zeeland and Uganda. We have already tried to contact the countries and have already received feedback from Kenya. Botswana and Lesotho have already received training and academy sides of South Africa had visited them. Once contact has been made with the others, we will begin to put plans on the table to engage in the necessary development.

We hope that Jukskei will revive and grow to its previous glory, not only where it is still played, but also in new countries, and definitely within the foreseeable future.



**Director
Development:
Christie Horn**

Members of the IJF

Full Members



Countries in the process of establishing a Federation



Director Umpires new on Exco

During the Triennial General meeting of the IJF, the member countries resolved to extend the Executive Committee to six members. A Director Umpires who previously fell under the portfolio of the vice-president is now a separate portfolio. Gerhard Coetzee, an International Umpire from Namibia, was elected to manage the portfolio Umpires.

According to Gerhard the most frequently asked questions are as follows, and also read his accompanied replies:

Q: Name a few objectives that you have as Director Umpires of the IJF?

A:

- ◆ To promote the importance and to enhance the quality of Jukskei rules.
- ◆ To research and develop improvements of Jukskei rules.
- ◆ That the IJFUC be the governing body for the administration and promotion of the Jukskei umpires to international Jukskei umpires.
- ◆ To respect the interests of the International Umpires and to forward recommendations to the IJF Executive Management for attention at the highest level.

Q: In the past it took about two years to make amendments to the rules of play. How would you like to streamline the process?

A: With the new IJF Regulations for Umpires that were approved at the Triennial General Meeting in Jan 2021, certain proposals for rule amendments were submitted, let's test the new proposals and see where can we make changes to streamline the process.

Q: How many active international umpires are there at the moment?

A: There are 8 active IJF Umpires: 7 in South Africa and 1 in Namibia.

Q: How do you plan to improve on the above-mentioned number?

A: To work intensively with the member countries' umpire committees to see if there are potential candidates that can be promoted to IJFU.

Q: There are six new countries who are in the process of establishing federations. What would you and the Executive Committee do to help them to get their own umpires to be on standard to act as umpires in these various countries?

A: The new countries should submit names to the IJFUC of potential Umpires. The necessary documents and rules can then be sent/provided to the federations. This process should continuously followed up by the Academy Portfolio. The academy will also provide onsite training.



**Director: Umpires
Gerhard Coetzee**

Q: Please inform us of the different levels of Umpires?

A: In South Africa they are referred to: Entry level, Club level, Provincial level, National level and International level umpires.
In Namibia they are referred to: Class C, Class B, Class A and International umpires.

Q: More or less, what is the number of umpires in all the levels over the world?

A: In total there are 172 umpires.

We always see umpires running around between the courts with toolkits packed with equipment. In the next newsletter or two, I will explain the use of the different pieces of equipment.

Thanks Gerhard for your insight on Umpires.



Kenia: One of the Upcoming Countries

Good Day all Jukskei Players

If you told me five years ago I would be trying to get Jukskei developed on the equator, I would probably regard you as very silly.

I moved here to Kenya in April 2019, thinking my Jukskei days were over for a few years, after playing Jukskei at top level for the last few years and playing in Namibia and the USA.

In January 2021 I saw on Facebook that the IJF has appointed a new management and I thought by myself it would be disrespectful of me to the sport if I don't try and develop the sport worldwide after my comments to the Jukskei President Council a few years ago that we as players want to play test matches against a variety of countries, not only Namibia and the USA.

So I made contact with the COO of the IJF and started the process, however unfortunately I am doing this solo. The only way to succeed, is to think from a new perspective. Moving in the company that has contact with top government officials, my first point of contact would be a meeting with the Minister of Sport and Director of Sports in Kenya.



**Acting President of
Kenia:
Francois Cloete**

Communication for All

There was a time when communication was simple. You either spoke with someone face to face or trusted that a note tied to a pigeon would eventually make it to the right person.

Some would think that modern communication is simpler than the old-fashioned methods. It's fast, easy and convenient. Simple, right? Nope! The opposite is actually true. With countless approaches to sending and receiving information, communicating is now a lot more complex.

What kind of communication will the IJF be using?

- ◆ Verbal communication by informing our members eye to eye. Immediate answers are then provided. A simple "yes" can open a door to a new opportunity and a harsh "no" can slam the door shut.
- ◆ Sending out Circulars and keep the members informed. Large amounts of information can be sent out without the risk of someone forgetting about it, because it can be revisited when needed, however the response is not always on time or appropriate.
- ◆ Newsletters might not be read, especially if management does not circulate them to all members. Results of events and pictures of participants are very interesting and a source of much needed and wide-spread conversations.
- ◆ Creating a webpage to introduce people all over the world, is something to get excited about. Are all the members of jukskei and other people around the world familiar with jukskei and the IJF?
- ◆ Facebook is available to each and every one of us. Join the IJF group and be an active member. Place interesting events and pictures of your country, province and club.
- ◆ Contact with newspapers and the media to promote events and our sport is very difficult for the Exco of the IJF. Our members are requested to do the necessary so that jukskei can be introduced as wide as possible.

We, the Exco of the IJF, request you to be actively involved in our partnership and to promote jukskei in your region and country. Reply on time and keep the channels open to the IJF as well as to your members so that all of us can be informed at all times.

I have set out a four-part plan for initial development of the sport in Kenya/other countries:

1. Register the Federation as a sport with full colours, and using the Tafisa membership, more funds will then be available for development.
2. With the help of the Minister and Kenya Sports to introduce the sporting codes that have similarities with our game.
3. To involve the educational system. Do tours to schools introducing the sport. If we can start young, we can make sure the sport will be there for years to come.
4. Engage with the expat community like those of South Africa and Namibia. Perhaps there are previous players that can start playing again.



**Director:
Communication**

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