

# INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI NEWS



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## The President's Global Desk

Good day, fellow Jukskei friends!

Covid-19, wave three, is with us, but we as Jukskei players do still manage to keep in contact with our Jukskei friends.

This time of the year is normally the time for reorganising or restructuring at the different levels of management within Jukskei. Hope everything is going well.

The topic for my input to our second News Letter will be **STANDARDISATION**.

For years the Umpire Committees of the member countries could not agree on how to manage changes to the IJF Playing Rules within the same year. With close cooperation between the member countries, during the 2019/20 season, a process was put into place to solve the said problem. Unfortunately, the process was not followed this season in order to test it in full.

The second standardisation was the training of umpires at all levels, especially those members that are nominated by their Umpire Committees through the EXCO of the Country Jukskei Federation.

This was followed by the standardisation of the training of the Coaches at all levels. With thanks to Jukskei SA (JSA) for the training material. The agreement is only for material up to Provincial level. JSA is willing to assist with the training at all levels. Countries to liaise directly with JSA.

Throughout the world, the playing fields for international competitions must meet certain minimum standards. Isn't it time that we must also look into it, especially the courts which are utilized for the tests? I specifically would like to point out the type of sand/soil that is utilized in the sandpit.

To standardise the type of sand for the courts' sandpits for purposes of test matches, would mean that the quality of elite players will be showcased. Is it not what the spectators would like to see?

The counterargument could be that top players should be able to practise playing on any kind of sand. Yes, I fully agree, but then you would not see the real quality of the top players.

The question is, what would the minimum standard be, silica or plaster sand? Plaster sand has different variations, which one will be acceptable?

I would like to leave this thought with you until such time that we can have an in-depth discussion about the standardisation of the test courts.

May the new season be better than the past two seasons.



President:  
Dirk Brits

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# SA Senior Jukskei Championships

26 – 30 May 2021

Well done to Jukskei South Africa and congratulations on a terrific job to the tournament director, Jakes de Jager, with another successful presentation. The 2021 SA Senior Championships will definitely be an event never to be forgotten. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many players were not available because of obvious reasons and the number participating teams were less than normal.

The Championships kicked off with the opening at 07:00 followed by the doubles on Monday, 26 April. Every team participating in the event had to enter two double teams, meaning that everybody had to participate. In total there were 112 double teams and 56 full teams participating during the week.

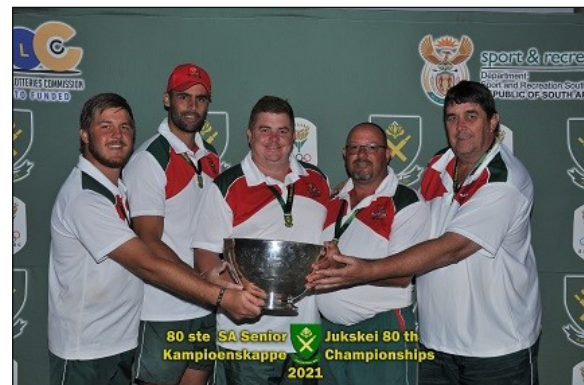


**Tournament Director:  
Jakes de Jager**

## Results:

### Teams:

Men's A1		
1.	North West Prov	148.0
2.	Northern Cape	138.5
3.	Central Gauteng	138.0
4.	Eastern Gauteng	131.0
5.	Gauteng North	118.5
6.	Northern Free State	104.5



Women's A1		
1.	Central Gauteng	171.0
2.	Southern Free State	158.0
3.	Kwazulu Natal	157.0
4.	Gauteng North	148.5
5.	Limpopo	147.0
6.	Northern Cape	143.0
7.	North West Prov	138.0
8.	Eastern Gauteng	126.0

Men's Above 50 A1		
1.	Gauteng North	184.0
2.	Southern Free State	175.5
3.	Northern Cape	156.5
4.	Eastern Gauteng	140.5
5.	Kwazulu Natal	137.5
6.	Northern Free State	136.5
7.	Limpopo	131.5
8.	Eastern Free State	108.5
9.	North West Prov	91.0





Men's A2		
1.	Cape Winelands	192.0
1.	Limpopo	192.0
3.	Central Gauteng	188.5
4.	North West Prov	180.0
5.	Gauteng North	154.5
6.	Eastern Gauteng	134.0



Women's A2		
1.	Overberg	190.0
2.	Northern Free State	166.0
3.	Kwazulu Natal	154.5
4.	Southern Free State	144.0
5.	Gauteng North	135.5
6.	Eastern Gauteng	123.5
7.	Limpopo	118.5
8.	Northern Cape	97.0

Men's Above 50 A2		
1.	Eastern Gauteng	176.5
2.	West Rand	173.5
3.	Northern Cape	170.5
4.	North West Prov	159.5
5.	Southern Free State	152.0
6.	Gauteng North	137.0
7.	Limpopo	135.0
8.	Northern Free State	133.5
9.	Gauteng North (2)	99.0
10.	Overberg	98.5
11.	Kwazulu Natal	91.5



Mixed Under 30		
1.	Central Gauteng	195.5
2.	Gauteng North	188.5
3.	Eastern Cape	162.5
4.	Northern Cape	134.5
5.	Central Gauteng (2)	126.0
6.	Eastern Gauteng	93.0
7.	Cape Winelands	80.0

**Doubles:**

Men's A1		
1.	North West Prov	156.5
2.	Northern Free State	151.5
3.	Northern Cape	151.0
4.	Central Gauteng	150.0
5.	Eastern Gauteng	149.0
6.	Gauteng North	142.0



Women's A1		
1.	Kwazulu Natal	111.5
2.	Southern Free State	110.5
2.	Northern Cape	110.5
4.	Central Gauteng	106.0
5.	Eastern Gauteng	102.5
6.	Gauteng North	102.0
7.	North West Prov	101.0
8.	Limpopo	96.0

Men's Above 50 A1		
1.	Southern Free State	147.5
2.	Gauteng North	136.5
2.	Northern Cape	127.0
4.	Kwazulu Natal	123.0
5.	Limpopo	120.5
6.	Northern Free State	116.5
7.	Eastern Free State	108.5
8.	Eastern Gauteng	106.0
9.	North West Prov	94.5



Men's A2		
1.	North West Prov	98.0
2.	Gauteng North	87.5
3.	Limpopo	77.0
4.	Cape Winelands	66.5
5.	Central Gauteng	66.0
6.	Eastern Gauteng	60.0

Women's A2		
1.	Overberg	146.5
2.	Southern Free State	118.5
3.	Kwazulu Natal	115.5
4.	Eastern Gauteng	103.0
5.	Northern Free State	100.5
6.	Gauteng North	96.0
7.	Limpopo	86.0
8.	Northern Cape	74.0





Men's Above 50 A2		
1.	Eastern Gauteng	108.5
2.	Gauteng North	104.5
3.	West Rand	100.0
4.	Limpopo	95.0
5.	Southern Free State	93.0
6.	Northern Cape	92.0
7.	Northern Free State	90.5
8.	North West Prov	86.0
9.	Overberg	79.5
10.	Gauteng North (2)	77.0
11.	Kwazulu Natal	75.0



Mixed Under 30		
1.	Eastern Cape	110.5
2.	Gauteng North	107.0
3.	Central Gauteng	103.5
4.	Northern Cape	95.0
5.	Central Gauteng (2)	74.5
6.	Cape Winelands	71.5
7.	Eastern Gauteng	68.0

**Grand Total:**

Manser Trophy		
1.	Gauteng North	1066.5
2.	Eastern Gauteng	924.5
3.	Northern Cape	840.0
4.	Limpopo	718.2
5.	North West Prov	713.3
6.	Central Gauteng	693.0
7.	Southern Free State	629.5
8.	Northern Free State	540.5
9.	Kwazulu Natal	537.1
10.	Overberg	288.5
11.	Cape Winelands	272.0
12.	West Rand	173.5
13.	Eastern Cape	162.5
14.	Eastern Free State	104.9



**Umpires:**



The experience was incredibly wonderful and we enjoyed every moment. We are looking forward to a 2022 Championships where Covid-19 won't play any role, but with the participation of also Namibia and America. And what about entries by a "new" country or two?

## Gert Aggenbach

(8 April 1951 – 22 March 2021)

In a nutshell: The late Gert Aggenbach still is a synonym of JUKSKEI NAMIBIA in all its facets: a man who placed great emphasis on family; charity was near to his heart; his business sense was exceptional. In short: The jukskei community has lost a man with courage and determination.

Gert was born on 8 April 1951 in the Gibeon district in Namibia and grew up and went to school in Tsumeb. He started his jukskei career when he was ten years old and his mother was a Springbok jukskei player.

His initially resided in Swakopmund while assisting to develop the Rössing Uranium Mine and this is where he met his future wife, Koekoës. In 1996 they relocated to Windhoek.

Gert was further known for the installation of especially cell phone infrastructure in Namibia after he had established Aggenbach Technical Services in Windhoek. This Afrikaans folk music lover could also sing the Súdwesterland from full chest and he had a farm near Maltahöhe.

On another front: Gert Aggenbach was also a jukskei player to be reckoned with. He represented Namibia from 1988 to 1996 as a Mens A-player (Kopersbond) and he also represented Namibia in 1994 against the Springboks.

From 1991 to 1997 he was chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Namibian Jukskei Board and from 2013 to 2017 the President. Until his death on 22 March 2021 he was the Director: Finance of Namibia Jukskei.

Gert Aggenbach, the International Jukskei Federation honours you.



### **Gert Aggenbach Jukskei Open Day**

**Results:            A Section**

Golden Medal: South with 85 points





Silver Medal: Central A1 with 78 points



Bronze medal: Central A2 with 74 points



**B Section**

Golden Medal: South with 79 points



Silver Medal: West with 65 points



**C Section**

Bronze medal: Central B2 with 55 points



Golden Medal: Central C1 with 98.5 points



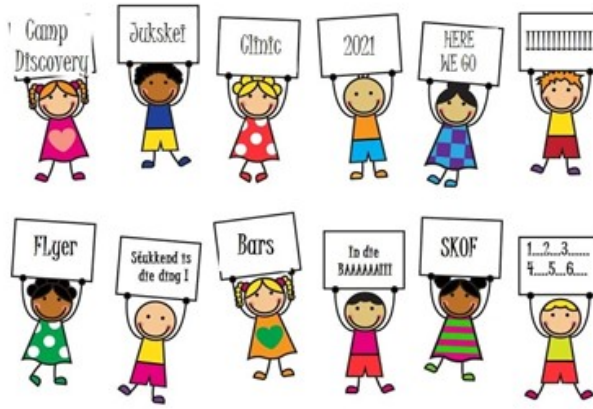
Silver Medal: South with 80 points



Bronze medal: West with 63 points







## NATIONAL JUNIOR CLINIC 2021

The National Junior Clinic took place from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at Camp Discovery, Limpopo. 59 Juniors, from all over the country and 16 coaches attended the clinic.



Group Social distance Picture



Coaches



Coaches at work





One major challenge was the courts, luckily I know a person named Dirk Brits, who is a pro in building courts on a yearly basis at the IG Games. A big, big thank you to Dirk and Jean for taking time to set up the courts, it was perfect.



Courts



Entertainment

### Objectives for the weekend

- Our **main objective** for the clinic was to provide a **platform for participation** for juniors, especially after the SA Junior Open was cancelled due to covid. The lack of sport, specifically school sport is a major concern for sport federations and this was our way of showing our juniors that they are extremely important to us.
- Developing younger coaches and learning from each other, with Nico and Dirk, head coaches of JSA taking the youngsters under their wings.
- Launch Level 3 Coaching Course.
- Leadership and team building programme in conjunction with Camp Discovery and their brilliant facilitators.

Last but not least FUN, FUN, FUN and enjoy spending time with friends.

***“LEIERSKAP IS DIE VERMOë OM VISIE TE VERANDER IN REALITEIT”***  
***WARREN BENNIS***

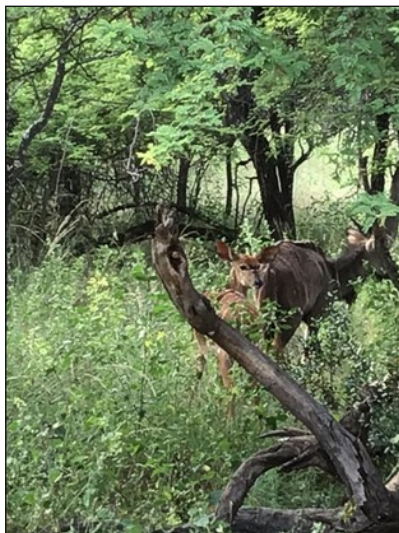


Working hard on the court



Warming up

Game Drive





Testing our memory and teamwork – Group Dynamic course



Design and build our own slingshot



Air Gun



Archery



Obstacle Course





## Team Building



## The beauty of Camp Discovery in the evening



This was a dream end to a 10 year run as Director Juniors, thank you Jukskei SA for the opportunity to form part of this wonderful event.

**Working towards a dream**

**Director: Juniors  
Jukskei South Africa  
Karien Marais**



## Participation and Covid-19

The last International Jukskei event was the 2019 SA Junior Championships in Kroonstad.

With the coronavirus outbreak sweeping across the globe since the end of 2019, the sports industry has not been spared. In fact, the sports industry has been heavily impacted and in many ways paralysed by the pandemic. Sporting events at international, national and regional levels have either been cancelled or postponed, inter alia the 2020 SA Senior Championships, 2020 May Tournament of Namibia and the 2020 SA Junior Championships.



**Vice-president:  
Erik Strauss**

2021 started with a smaller SA Senior Championships without international test matches and the 2021 May Tournament of Namibia had also been postponed.

With the pandemic far from over and countries already experiencing a third wave, competing internationally would be a huge challenge to all countries.

Governments and intergovernmental organizations may provide sports federations, clubs and organizations around the world with guidance related to safety, health and other international standards and protocols that would apply to future sports events and safe working conditions. This would allow to facilitate future sports events to be safe and enjoyable for all.

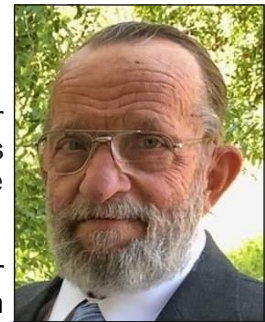
We all need to find new and innovative solutions to mitigate the negative effects of COVID-19 and to ensure safe sports events in the future.

Our Jukskei family is play-hungry and we miss each other to a very great degree, but we all have to be patient, because soon we will get together again in a safe environment and share again in all kinds of friendships and competitions.

## Horseshoe matches online!

The last 17 months have been something the modern world has never experienced. The impact on both our sports was huge and in some cases devastating. We lost a number of good people to this pandemic and everyone in the world was impacted by this.

Horseshoe pitching found a way to transcend this lock down order that our various health departments ordered. Two individuals Steven Gibson of Utah and Ricky Mutter of Ohio began what blossomed into a national trend. They developed a game of horseshoe pitching that consisted of 12 shoes pitched toward a live camera, (Facebook live). The live camera had to show you pitching and the shoes landing in the pit, anything questionable or really close needed to be shown on camera. This film clip was then verified by one or more people and Horseshoe Pitching Online (HPO) was born.



**Casey Sluys  
Jukskei USA**

This was the forerunner of more and more sites with similar formats, one was 16 shoes another 20 shoes. One was even developed where it counted toward a pitcher's actual statistics.



We sincerely believe that HPO was a blessing in disguise that allowed the popularity of horseshoe pitching to continue during this pandemic. Yes, rules were altered to accommodate to circumstances, but it allowed pitching to continue during the shutdown.

The horseshoe pitching community owes a debt of gratitude to everyone that participated in these online events.

You all should understand that the 2020 World Tournament (WT) was cancelled because of Covid-19, therefore we were unable to showcase Jukskei at the WT. We hope to bring it back as soon as possible and sincerely wish you could then participate.

# SA Senior Academy Jukskei Tournament

15 – 19 March 2021

Well done to the SA Senior Academy Committee with the presentation of its tournament. Many of us thought that the tournament would never have happened, but many Districts and Provinces had put in an effort to enter teams to participate.

It was further the first time ever that the Indigenous teams of Provinces also participated and they enjoyed the game of jukskei in Kroonstad.

Jukskei South Africa subsidised the accommodation of all the players which was very much appreciated.

A total of 28 teams participated in doubles, trips and full teams.

After a set of trials at the end of the week SA Academy, Chairperson and Merit teams were announced and played against each other.

Three colourful persons over the age of 90 took part in the tournament and we celebrate and acknowledge them by including their photos in this issue.



**Chairperson: SA Senior Academy Committee  
Hennie Oosthuizen**



Henk van der Merwe (91)



Marthie J van Rensburg (90)



Chris Haefele (91)

## Results (Teams):

<b>A Section</b>		
1.	Eastern Gauteng	100.5
2.	Eastern Free State	87.5
3.	Northern Free State	76.0

<b>B Section</b>		
1.	Northern Cape	82.0
2.	Eastern Gauteng	77.0
3.	Gauteng North	76.5
4.	Eastern Free State	74.5
5.	Southern Free State	68.5
6.	North West Prov	66.0
7.	Limpopo	59.0
8.	Free State IG	48.0

<b>C Section</b>		
1.	Southern Free State	157.0
2.	Eastern Gauteng	143.0
3.	Overberg	141.5
4.	Gauteng North	135.0
5.	KZN	121.5

<b>D Section</b>		
1.	Eastern Free State	154.5
2.	KZN IG	126.0
3.	Northern Free State	117.5
4.	Eastern Gauteng D1	115.5
5.	Gauteng IG	114.0
6.	Central Gauteng	110.0
7.	Limpopo IG	107.0
8.	Northern Cape	104.0
9.	Gauteng North	102.5
10.	North West IG	97.0
11.	Northern Cape IG	93.5
12.	Eastern Gauteng D2	92.5



**Grand Total:**

<b>Chris Venter Trophy</b>		
1.	Eastern Gauteng	869.5
2.	Eastern Free State	687.0
3.	Gauteng North	634.5
4.	Southern Free State	489.5
5.	Northern Free State	461.0
6.	Northern Cape	448.0
7.	KZN IG	258.5
8.	Overberg	240.5
9.	Central Gauteng	232.0
10.	Gauteng IG	224.5
10.	Limpopo IG	224.5
12.	North West Prov.	217.5
13.	KZN	206.5
14.	North West IG	203.5
15.	Limpopo	186.0
15.	Northern Cape IG	186.0
17.	Free State IG	141.5

**Merit Teams 2021**



**Chairperson Teams 2021**



**SA Senior Academy Teams 2021**





## Contents of the Umpire's Toolkit

As promised, I will unpack my toolkit and show you what is in an umpire's toolkit to make a fair and good decision. Do you know what we call them and how to use the pieces?



### Umpire Toolkit

Item	Description
1	Umpire Tool Kit
2	Vertical Level
3	Calipers (Stainless Steel)
4	Feeler gauge
5	Long supporters
6	Short Supporters
7	Glass head pins
8	Temporary adhesive
9	Permanent Markers (Black, Blue & Red)
10	Adjustable Caliper (Small)
11	Adjustable Caliper (Large)
12	Small Level
13	Whistle
14	Pin Specification Gauge
15	Pin position Gauge (Small)
16	Pin position Gauge (Large)
17	Small paintbrush
18	Utility knife



**Item 2 Vertical Level:** to see that the peg is standing up straight.



**Item 3 Caliper:** to measure the distance between the 2 skeys and see which one is closest to the peg.





*Item 4 Feeler gauge: to measure the distance between the 2 skeys where a caliper will not fit.*



*Items 5 and 6 Long and short supporters to support the blue skey from rolling. Item 7 Blue Glass head pins in the green skey to keep the string straight.*



**Director: Umpires  
Gerhard Coetsee**

## Communication for All



**IJF Executive during Strategic session 2015 in Windhoek**



**Director  
Communication:  
Tinus Barnard**

### Next Time

- AGM of IJF
- AGM of member Countries
- Dates of events in forthcoming season
- More in the Umpire's toolkit

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