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## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF INTERNATIONAL JUJSKEI FEDERATION

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History was made with the **TRIENNAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY** of the International Jukskei Federation (IJF), held at **The Arena, Dixie Centre, St George, Utah, USA** on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2013.

The three member countries (South Africa, Namibia and the USA) met in St. George, Utah, where the World Horseshoe Championships were played.



***IJF Exco 2013-2015***

*Johan van Staden, Erik Strauss, Gieliana Boshoff, Tinus Barnard and Nico Nel*

**1. The Executive Committee:**

**President :** Gieliana Boshoff (Ms) (Namibia) – elected unopposed for a 1<sup>st</sup> term of three years.

**Vice-President:** Tinus Barnard (South Africa) – elected unopposed for a 1<sup>st</sup> term of three years.

**Chief Operations Officer (COO):** Johan van Staden (South Africa) – elected unopposed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term of three years.

**Director Communication:** Erik Strauss (Namibia) – elected unopposed for a 1<sup>st</sup> term of three years.

**Director Training & Development:** Nico Nel (South Africa) – elected unopposed for a 1<sup>st</sup> term of three years.

2. The following persons were elected as members of the IJF's four Standing Committees:

- 2.1. **International Jukskei Academy** (refer to Clause 10.23.5 (a) of the Constitution): Nico Nel (Chair), Christie Horn (Namibia), Gary Roberts (USA), Buks vd Berg (South Africa)
- 2.2. **International Jukskei Participation Committee** (refer to Clause 10.23.5 (b)): Tinus Barnard (Chair), Debbie Michaud (USA). South Africa and Namibia had to nominate candidates representing their respective countries.
- 2.3. **International Jukskei Umpires Committee** (refer to Clause 10.23.5 (c)): Dirk Brits (Chair) [his election was based on gaining the majority votes, with Reinette vd Berg; Johan van Staden (Secretary), Gerhard Coetzee (Namibia) and Reinette vd Berg (South Africa) as members). USA had to nominate a candidate to represent the USA.
- 2.4. **International Strategic Jukskei Committee** (refer to Clause 10.23.5 (d)): Gieliana Boshoff (Chair), Tinus Barnard & Melanie Jacobs (both JSA), Gert Aggenbach & Bully Thorburn (both NJ), Gary Roberts & Casey Sluys (both JUSA).

3. IJF Honorary members : JSA's motivation to elect the former IJF President, Prof Gerrie Jacobs, as the third honorary member of the IJF was tabled and approved by the meeting with gratitude to Gerrie Jacobs in what he has achieved with regards to Jukskei to be recognised as an International precision sport and affiliation to International Sport organizations like TAFISA.



*Gerrie and Melanie Jacobs*

4. Changes in International Rules of Play : It was agreed by the members that the proposed changes to pitching distances received by Namibia Jukskei be discussed in order to approve the changes. Jukskei SA did approve changes to their rules during their General Assembly early in July 2013, but did not have the opportunity to make the formal application to the IJF.

After discussion it has been approved that the International Rules of Play be changed to the following pitching distances with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2013.

All distances in meter:

Juniors:

Age as on 1st of January of Year	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Minimum Pitching Distance for Girls	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	12	12	13	13	13	13
Minimum Pitching Distance for Boys	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13	14	14	15	15

Seniors:

Age Group	Women	Men
19-49	14	16
50-59	12	14
60-69	11	13
70-79	10	12
80+	9	11

5. [Results of the International Matches played on the 25th of July 2013 in St George, Utah:](#)



**Section 1**

Gold : SA 1 - 18,5

Silver : USA 1 - 14.0

Bronze : Namibia 1 - 12.5

**Section 2**

Gold : SA 2 - 23.5

Silver : Namibia 2 - 17.0

Bronze : USA 2 - 4.5

**TOTAL**

1<sup>st</sup> SA with 42.0

2<sup>nd</sup> Namibia with 29.5

3<sup>rd</sup> USA with 18.5

**Congratulations to everyone!**

## 6. Countries' Exco Members:

### **Namibia Jukskei:**

President : Gert Aggenbach  
Vice President and Director Tournaments : Bully Thorburn  
Director Admin & Finance : Gerhard Coetzee  
Director Marketing & Development : Erik Strauss

### **Jukskei South Africa:**

President and Director Umpires : Tinus Barnard  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President : Dr. Melanie Jacobs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President : Buks Van Der Berg  
Director Academy : Nico Nel  
Director Administration : Daleen Roos  
Director Juniors & Finance : Karien Marais  
Director Development & Participation : Dirk Brits

### **USA Jukskei:**

President : Garry Roberts

### **NHPA:**

President : Stuart Sipma  
Secretary/Treasurer : Dick Hansen  
Assistant Publicity/Promotion : Casey Sluys

## 7. IJF Events :

### 7.1 IJF

- 23 – 27 October 2013 – TAFISA World Congress, The Netherlands
- December 2013 : SA Junior Jukskei Championships : Kroonstad, SA
- 30 March - 03 April 2014 : SA Senior Championships : Kroonstad, SA

### 7.2 Namibia (2013)

- 12 October : Coen Brand Jukskei tournament : Windhoek
- 26 October : North Regional Championships : Otavi
- 30 November : West Regional Championship : Swakopmund

### 7.3 South Africa (2013)

- 20-27 September : SRSA Indigenous Games Tournament : Pretoria
- 23 – 27 September : SA Masters Tournament : Kroonstad

- 7.4 USA (2013)
- None

8. Jukskei Personality :



*Johan van Staden*

***Talk straight forward with Erik***

✦ ***Tell me about your jukskei career :***

*(Johan)* I started playing Jukskei at the age of 6 (1955) with a pair of skei's, handmade by my father from bluegum tree wood. This lasted up to the age of 10 when the club we played for (Wonderfontein in the then Eastern Transvaal, now Mpumalanga) disbanded. I started to play jukskei again in 1991 at Laborie Club in Paarl (Boland).

As player I have achieved the following:

1999 : Reserve player for the Boland Sanlam Team at the SA Championships.

2000 : Member of Oukraal A Club team that obtained a silver medal in the B division of the World Games held in Swakopmund, Namibia.

2001 – 2003 : Member Boland Slanghoek team.

2004 : Member Boland Caltex team

2008 – 2010 : Member Boland Veteran A2 team.

2011 : Captain Boland Veteran A1 team.

As umpire I have achieved the following:

1995 : Qualified as Class C umpire (Now called Club level umpire)

1997 : Qualified as Class B umpire (Now called Provincial level umpire)

2000 : Qualified as Class A umpire (Now called National level umpire)

2005 : Officiating umpire at SA Junior Championships.

2007 : Officiating umpire at SA Senior Championships.

2011 : Chief umpire at Namibia Tournament.

2013 : Chief umpire at Touring Matches in St George, Utah, USA.

As coach I have qualified as coach with the first ever qualification session (1995). Was the coach for Boland's first development team at Kroonstad.

As administrator I did serve as Chairman and/or Secretary on club and regional level. (Laborie and Oukraal Clubs and Paarl Region).

Other administrative positions held:

1993-1995 : Director : Juniors - Boland Jukskei Union

2002-2005 : Director : Participation – Boland Jukskei Union

2005-2008 : President – Boland Jukskei Union.

2007 : Accolade as Sport Administrator of the Year from the Boland Sport Council and finalist as Sport Administrator of the Year at the Western Cape Sport Council.

2004 : Vice-President : Jukskei SA Umpires Association.

2005-2008 : Secretary : Jukskei SA Umpires Association.

2011-Present : Chief Operations Officer of the International Jukskei Federation.

🚩 ***What is your favorite words (or expression) :***

(Johan) Difficult to translate to English but when getting a question like this, I would say: "Sê maar!!." (Eng: Say?). When something happened, I would say "Ai tog!!" (Eng: Oh boy!)

🚩 ***What is your favorite drink :***

(Johan) White Wine (KWV Sauvignon Blanc or any better alternative)

🚩 ***What is your favorite sport to watch :***

(Johan) Tennis (I played tennis at school. Were part of the A team of Nylstroom High School (now Limpopo Province) during 1966)

🚩 ***What is your favorite holiday place to visit :***

(Johan) I have more than one: 1. Stormsriver Mouth, Tsitsikamma, Garden Route, Eastern Cape. 2. Swakopmund, Namibia.

🚩 ***What has been one of your greatest accomplishments as a person?***

(Johan) To be a Divisional Manager of a Production Division at SASOL III at the age of 32.

🚩 ***Who is a hero in your life and why?***

(Johan) Depending on the type of activity that I am/was busy with, there are/were a few role models in my life, but I can honestly say that I cannot see a person as a hero. Jesus Christ is the hero in my life.

🚩 ***What other sport would you like to compete in if not playing jukskei?***

(Johan) Bowls and maybe Horseshoe Pitching (If I can just get an opportunity to have a try at pitching)

🚩 ***What is something that is unique about jukskei?***

(Johan) The only sport where you can 'bust'.

✚ ***If you could change one rule about jukskei, what would it be?***

(Johan) The allowance that the coach can give advice to the team or captain during the game.

✚ ***How would you give away \$50,000-00***

(Johan) If it was given to me to give away, I would give it to the International Jukskei Federation with the specific objective that it be used to promote and establish Jukskei in countries like Australia, New Zealand and the UK. If it is my own and I have to give it away, I would put it in a trust fund with my grandchildren (present and hopefully future) as beneficiaries for higher educational studies.

✚ ***If you could ask God 1 question, what would it be?***

(Johan) God, please have Mercy on Me and my family.

9. **Joke of the day Quarter :**

Two men are drinking in a bar. One turns to the other and says, "I bet you \$100 that I can bite my eye." The second fellow thinks to himself, I guess he's had about enough, so he replies, "OK, you're on." The first man takes out his glass eye and bites it. So the second man has to pay. A while later the first man says, "I bet you \$100 I can bite my other eye." The second man thinks, well, he can't have TWO glass eyes; he obviously can see. So he says, "All right, you're on." The second man promptly takes out his false teeth and bites his other eye.

10. **Motivational Quote :**

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." **Michael Jordan**

11. **Birthdays September 2013 – November 2013**

- ❖ 16 September: Leo Michaud
- ❖ 24 September: Janita Brits and Retha Horn
- ❖ 7 October: Gerrie Jacobs and Casey Sluys
- ❖ 19 October: Erik Strauss
- ❖ 14 November : Alvita Roberts

12. **Jukskei Rule of the Quarter :**

**JUKSKEI PITCH :**

- The total length of the pitch is 28 meters.
- The pitch should be as level as possible.
- There should be two sandpits at least 3 meters long, 2.4 meters wide and 150 mm deep, filled with loose sand.
- There should be at least a 1.8 meter stretch of sand in front of the pen and at least 1.2 meters of sand behind and on either side of the pen.

- The pitch should be laid out in such a manner that the distance between the two pens, when in their correct positions, is exactly 9 meters.
- A level framework of wood, brick or concrete may be installed to support the sides of the sandpit.
- A screw, nail or similar object must be fixed to either side of the framework 1.8 meter from the front, with a string secured to one side to establish the correct position of the pen.
- No hedge, wall or barrier should be closer than 2.5 meter from the back of the 16m throwing line.

**13. From the IJF President's desk :**

*This newsletter was a wonderful initiative for IJF. You deserve a lot of credit for taking the idea of a newspaper and use it as an interesting communicator.*

*I want to take this opportunity to thank Gerrie Jacobs for being a good example in the way he have shown the kind of passion, support and commitment to International Jukskei Federation and that he basically promoted the sport Jukskei and Horseshoe through all possible ways and without expecting favours or credit from anyone. He did it for the sport that we all love and I will always admire him for that 100% commitment.*

*Thank you Gerrie and also congratulations to the well-deserved "token of recognition" as honorary member. Will there ever be a greater international ambassador for our sport? To me personally you were a great inspiration and my wish is to never disappoint you in any way.*

*I hope that everyone is recovered from the long trip to USA World Horseshoe Championships.*

*I admired everyone's passion and devotion to all meetings, playing horseshoe and finally the International Jukskei touring matches. A lot of promises have been made and I think with the expert team that we have lined up, IJF are ready for all plans ahead. It goes without saying that this year has had to see some huge changes but I have been pleasantly surprised at the many opportunities that we can take advantage of and promote the sport internationally. (Horseshoe and Jukskei)*

*This isn't something that's going to be achieved overnight but with hard work and committed team members/players, we will make our sport proud.*

*We will keep you informed on the way forward and please don't hesitate to be a light on our road ahead.*

**GIELIANA BOSHOFF**

**14. Conclusion**

The "Spot On" is planned to be distributed quarterly, thus kindly forward all your Countries' event dates, results, photos or any other interesting news to me.

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Jukskei & Horseshoe Greetings

Erik Strauss