



# HOWZAT!



## ROTARY CLUB OF NEWLANDS "The club that appeals"



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### WEEKLY UPDATE

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**MEETINGS:** Western Province Cricket Club Sports Centre, Ave De Mist, Rondebosch, every Monday at 18h00 for 18h15 (Except for first Monday of the Month which is a Partner's Meeting, 18h30 for 19h00).

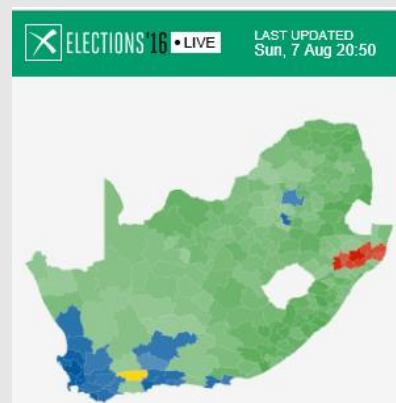
**ATTENDANCE:** Notice of apologies and guests and/or meal specifics to email Vanessa Rousseau at [rousseau@iafrica.com](mailto:rousseau@iafrica.com) and copy to Melinda Stapleton at [mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za](mailto:mjstapleton@webafrica.org.za) before 10h30 on Monday mornings please.

### Comment

**Willie Wijenberg**

### Democracy

Democracy, (from Greek: "δημοκρατία") or "rule of the commoners", was originally conceived in Classical Greece, whereby political representatives were chosen by lot (as in a jury) from amongst the male citizens: rich and poor. In modern times it has become equated to elections or "a system of government in which all the people of a state or polity ... elect representatives to a parliament or similar assembly", as defined by the Oxford English Dictionary. Democracy is further defined as (a:) "government by the people; especially: rule of the majority (b:) "a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation ...."



The American Founding Fathers rejected 'democracy' as defined by the Greeks, preferring instead 'a natural aristocracy', whereby only the landed gentry were entitled to a place in Congress. The Americans, as with the English, took their cue from the Roman republic model: only the patrician classes were involved in government. As such, many people today, including academics, have come to understand democracy in terms of elections, rather than selection by lot. For example, according to political scientist Larry Diamond, it consists of four key elements: (a) A political system for choosing and replacing the government through free and fair elections; (b) The active participation of the people, as citizens, in politics and civic life; (c) Protection of the human rights of all citizens, and (d) A rule of law, in which the laws and procedures apply equally to all citizens.

In the 5th century BC, to denote the political systems then existing in Greek city-states, notably Athens, the term is an antonym to ἀριστοκρατία (aristokratía) "rule of an elite". While theoretically these definitions are in opposition, in practice the distinction has been blurred historically. The political system of Classical Athens, for example, granted democratic citizenship to free men and excluded slaves and women from political participation. In virtually all democratic governments throughout ancient and modern history, democratic citizenship consisted of an elite class until full enfranchisement was won for all adult citizens in most modern democracies through the suffrage movements of the 19th and 20th centuries. The English word dates to the 16th century, from the older Middle French and Middle Latin equivalents.

Democracy contrasts with forms of government where power is either held by an individual, as in an absolute monarchy, or where power is held by a small number of individuals, as in an oligarchy. Nevertheless, these oppositions, inherited from Greek philosophy, are now ambiguous because contemporary governments have mixed democratic, oligarchic, and monarchic elements. Karl Popper defined democracy in contrast to dictatorship or tyranny, thus focusing on opportunities for the people to control their leaders and to oust them without the need for a revolution.

## Previous Meeting

### Minutes of the Partners Meeting on 1 August 2016     Scribe: Glynis Menné

Sergeant Wybe opened the meeting and called on Graham F to say the 4 way test. This was followed, rather unusually, by Brian's wife Jane, who said the grace and toasted RI. She was then presented with the Stirrer's spoon, by her husband.

Wine swindle was won by Linnell Holland and Peter Henshilwood.

The following guests were welcomed:

Lesley Beake, guest of Roy Zaz, from Children's Book Network

Keneilwe Munyai, guest of Menno.

And the speaker for the evening, Brad Bing from Calypso Cricket.

Richard Burnett then introduced Brad.

Brad spoke passionately about his love for cricket in general, and for Sporting Chance and Calypso Cricket in particular. After studying marketing and Cost Accounting, he went to London and was mentored by Eddie Barlow. He played and coached cricket in many UK schools, including a Gregorian monastery. Every time he returned home, he was filled with enthusiasm for the sport and wanted to take it to children in all communities of Cape Town.

He wanted all children to share equal opportunities in enjoying cricket and coached in many communities, including Langa. Sporting Chance has exposed thousands of children to sport and given everyone an equal opportunity to excel. Talent identifiers work throughout South Africa. Many developmental programmes have failed and without Brad, there wouldn't be black representation in South African cricket. He does not support discrimination in sport!

The players are taught personal hygiene, grooming and good nutrition.

Richard House thanked Brad for his enthusiastic presentation to the club.

An unappealing supper of cold lasagne, sweet potato and butternut was served.

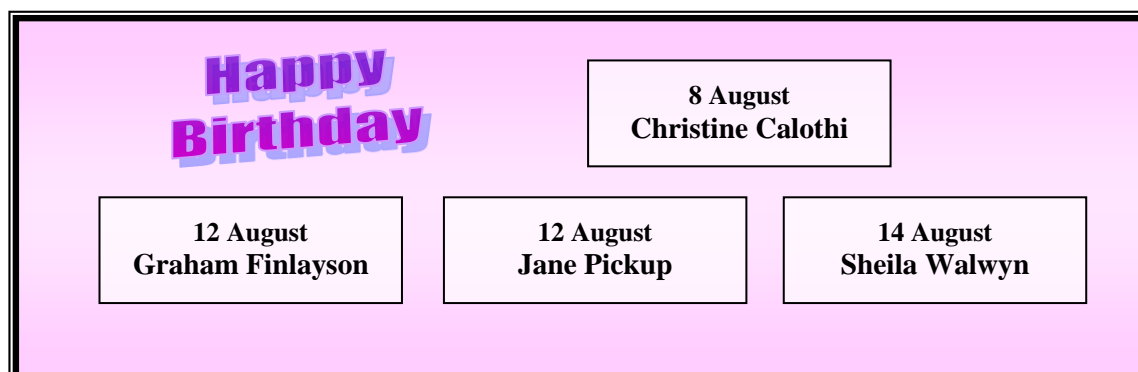
**Spots:**

1. Roy Zaz introduced Lesley Beake. She spoke of the toolboxes that have been made up for Children's Book Network and described their usefulness in a learning and library situation.
2. Corinne announced the donation of two Toolboxes to Lesley, from the President's Discretionary Fund.
3. Heidi reminded members of the One to One to be held on 21 August at the Bellville Velodrome. A list was circulated, asking for volunteers.
4. Judy van Aswegen suggested that next week all members bring stationary to the meeting. This will be donated to Marconi school by Brad. Please send pens, pencils, rulers, crayons etc etc.

**President's slot:**

President Chris wished Kenny a happy birthday for 2 August, and Andrew Peile the same for 7th. Constantia Rotary are hosting a wine tasting at Schoenstatt on Friday 7 Oct at R200 per head.

After a collection of Happy Rands, Wybe announced next week's duties and closed the meeting.





[Newlands Rotary Club Runner Calendar](#)

#### FUTURE FIXTURES

##### Year Planner

Please advise the secretary promptly of any additions or changes

##### August 2016

Mon 8 Ordinary  
Mon 15 Ordinary - Fun Evening  
**Sun 21 One-to-One**  
Mon 22 Business  
Mon 29 No meeting, instead ...  
Tue 30 ... joint meeting with Claremont

##### September 2016

Mon 5 DG Visit

##### October 2016

Thu 20 Wine Auction

Temporary Rules adopted by London's Richmond Golf Club during the Battle of Britain:

## RICHMOND GOLF CLUB

### TEMPORARY RULES. 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

## UMPIRES AND SCORERS

DATE	8 August	15 August	22 August	29 August
MEETING	Ordinary	Fun Evening	Business	No meeting
SERGEANT	Pieter van Aswegen	Anthony Galloway	John Stephenson	Joint meeting with Claremont Tuesday 30 August
4 WAY TEST/ OBJECT	Regine le Roux	Graham Finlayson	Menno de Wet	
GRACE & TOAST	Andy Ismay	Jenna Monk	Colin Burke	
ATTENDANCE	Shân Biesman-Simons	Rochelle Malherbe	Henry Campbell	
FELLOWSHIP	Pieter van Aswegen	Jenny Ibbotson	Mike Young	
MINUTES	Vanessa Rousseau	Tony van der Lith	Lucian Pitt	
COMMENT	Willie Wijenberg	Terry Lancaster	Nora See	
THANK SPEAKER	Richard House			
INTRO SPEAKER	Bill Meyer			

### Invited GUEST SPEAKERS

8 Aug Liesl van Rensburg – Sport 67  
 30 Aug Antarctic Talk at Kelvin  
 12 Sep Robin Hammond – The Phoenixians

If you cannot do your job on the day, please find someone who can do it instead of you, then contact the Sergeant on the day to update the roster. Please don't leave this until the Monday afternoon – let the Sergeant know in advance if you have not been able to arrange a swap. If you are going to be away for particular future meetings let Peter Ennis know.



*"I'm sure you're all familiar with the concept of business cycles. Now, at this point in time we are in the lousy part of this particular cycle."*

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## Books for the World

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