

BON VOYAGE AND GOOD LUCK PROTEAS

Johannesburg. – South Africa's men and women Protea lawn bowlers leave this week for the Six Nations Test Series in Christchurch, New Zealand, from March 6-11 to take on the world's best in a dress rehearsal for World Bowls at the end of the year.

Dispensation to all entrants to use six players, instead of five, is to allow for redeployment during the event. The six nations involved are New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, South Africa, Scotland and Wales.

Said Bowls SA president Kallie Haupt: "After continued success in the past 18 months at top level, this warm-up for our Proteas is vital preparation towards the quest for gold medals in New Zealand at the end of the year."

After the event, Johannesburg's Colleen Webb-Piketh and Rudi Jacobs of Parys BC travel to Warilla BC, NSW, Australia to represent South Africa at the World Singles.

SA sides:

Women: Tracy-Lee Botha (JBA); Sylvia Burns (WP); Elma Davis (Eden); Susan Nel (Sables); Colleen Piketh (JBA); Anneke Snyman (Boland).

Men: Gerry Baker (JBA); Pierre Breitenbach (NW); Jason Evans (JBA); Rudi Jacobs (NW); Thinus Oelofse (Ekhurleni); Nick Rusling (WP)

Manager: Jessica Henderson; Coach: Theuns Fraser.