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Sport Legends

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Introduction

Each year the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) honours sportspeople in identified sport codes for the roles that they played in ensuring the promotion, growth, development and transformation of sport in their communities. They often performed these roles under difficult circumstances and with minimal resources. Often there was little institutional support and they had to make huge personal sacrifices.

These sportsmen and sportswomen became synonymous with sport in their communities, their province and their country. They became our legends.

The first Annual Sport Legends Awards Ceremony was hosted by DCAS in 2005. This year marks the 13th time that sport legends in various sport codes are being honoured. The nominees for the awards were proposed by members of the public and sport communities and selection was based on the following guidelines:

- People who made a significant contribution to sport.
- People who are regarded as icons in their communities.
- People who gracefully gave sport their all.
- People who played a role in shaping sport before 1992.
- A lifetime of service to the code in general.
- Nominees should be 55 years old or older.
- Preferably, the nominee should be retired, except in outstanding cases where the qualifications of the candidate speak for themselves.

Today, 14 December 2017, the Western Cape Government acknowledges your contributions and bestows upon you, the 2017 nominees, the title of Sport Legend. Individually and collectively you have played a significant role in shaping sport in our province. You worked tirelessly to develop the administrative and technical expertise required to ensure that sport is administered professionally and within the traditions of true sportsmanship.

You understand that sport is a powerful platform on which to build character, community and social inclusion. You have inspired many a sportsperson and community with confidence and pride in their local sport heritage and have actively promoted the vision of a socially inclusive, creative and active Western Cape.

We salute you!



Dawid Theodore Smith

Athletics

West Coast

Dawid started his athletics career in 1988 in Vredenburg, a town on the West Coast. His passion for road running led him to completing the 100 Miler Road Race. Dawid marshalled his way through the dust to finish the 160km road race in a time of 22 hours 2min and 42 seconds in 1999. In 2001, Dawid was awarded his Boland Athletics colours. Dawid has since taken up coaching amongst schools and clubs and inspires his athletes with motivational talks. He also hosts coaching clinics and assists clubs in transporting athletes to race meetings. Dawid took it upon himself to discover talent in the West Coast and in doing so, introduced the sport of athletics to many children in the rural areas. Dawid is currently a life member of his athletics club and always looks up to mentors such as Ewald Bonzet and Johan Landsman.



Solomon Gelant Ross

Athletics

Cape Winelands

Solomon started his career in athletics at Daljosaphat Primary School in Paarl. In 1980, he obtained his Western Province Masters colours, acknowledging his achievements in cross country and track athletics. Solomon participated in the South African Masters Athletics Championships in 1981 in the M45 (45-49) age category, where he achieved gold and bronze medals in the 1500m and 400m events respectively. In 1982, he obtained silver medals in the 400m, 1500m and bronze in the 800m events respectively. Solomon went on to represent South Africa in Puerto Rico in 1983. At the 1986 Interprovincial Tournament, Solomon achieved gold medals in the 400m, 800m and 1500m events and a silver medal in the 200m event. Training 7 days a week as an athlete, Solomon was a true role model for aspiring athletes such as the likes of Wilson Claasen and Wilfred Daniels who went on to rewrite the record books. Solomon also gave back to the sport of Athletics in the form of coaching and as an administrator who assisted in the establishment of the Newtown Athletics Club, of which he was later elected as President. Due to the sanctions imposed by the Apartheid government, he was denied the opportunity to compete against the likes of Danie Malan and Andries Krugman.



**Hendrick Jacobus
Johannes Lamprecht**

Athletics

Eden

Hendrick joined Oudtshoorn Athletics Club in 1984 and got the club active in road running. He went on to be elected Chairman and joined the Masters association, taking part since 1985. To date he has completed 5 Comrades Marathons with a best time of 7 hours and 51 minutes and 12 Two Oceans Marathons, achieving 11 bronze medals and 1 silver medal respectively. Hendrick was elected Chairman of the South Western District Road Running Federation, a position he held for more than 10 years. He also served the federation in the position of treasurer. Hendrick was instrumental in the combination of road running, track and field and cross country under one umbrella namely Athletics South Western Districts (ASWD). Hendrick is currently a member of Nedbank SWD Club where he organises weekly time trials. He is also an avid road running referee and an organiser of two road races in Oudtshoorn. Hendrick is still very active and competing in cross country and track and field. He credits the late Goliath Munro for his ongoing support.



Gonda Betrix

Equestrian

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Gonda started her career in Equestrian in Cape Town in 1947 and competed from 1950. During her career she achieved numerous accolades, namely breaking the South African high jump record at age 14, 1st & 2nd at the Rand Show Championships in 1958 and winning four area international Olympic trials in the United Kingdom in the same year. She went on to win numerous show jumping titles in South Africa between 1958 and 1995. Gonda represented South Africa at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. She is currently a retired show jumper, but still gives back to the sport that made her famous in the capacity of a coach at the highest level, coaching several of South Africa's top riders.



Michael Job

Judo

Cape Metropole

Mike started his career in 1967 in Durban, South Africa. He is an International Judo federation 6th Dan black belt, level 4 registered coach, senior Dan grading master and a national referee. Mike started his coaching in the early 70's in Durban. He moved to Cape Town in the late 70's and started his club, the Judokan. Mike has been the owner of the Judokan Judo Club for the past 27 years. He was the first coach in South Africa for visually impaired (blind and partially sighted) under the banner of South Africa Sport Association for the Physically Disabled (SASAPD). Mike coaches twice a week at his club as well as once a week at the Athlone School for the Blind. He was instrumental in the establishment of a fully equipped judo venue for the visually impaired. He sought funding to supply Judo attire and provided opportunities for many visually impaired judokas to participate in international competitions in Japan, Scotland, Egypt and USA. Many of his judokas reached the highest level of competition. Mike, in conjunction with SRSA established the very first residential judo programme for visually impaired judokas between 2009 and 2012 in Cape Town. Regular grading over the years culminated in a visually impaired judoka who obtained a black belt.



Joseph Norman Pillay

Media

Cape Metropole

Joseph, better known as Joe, is a sports writer who has been covering sport from the early 1970's and has made a significant contribution to sport. He is regarded as a legend and icon in the communities that he serves, because through his pen he has inspired many sportsmen with confidence and pride in their local heritage and has actively promoted a vision of a socially inclusive, creative, active and connected Western Cape. He celebrated his 60th birthday in July 2017. He is still very much active in covering sport and a popular figure amongst the soccer and softball fraternity. His passion for writing started at the age of 18 in his birth place, Kimberley. Ever since he moved to Cape Town in 1981, he has been writing articles about local sport – from school's soccer to football and softball associations. In 1993 he received the National Premier Soccer League (PSL) Coca-Cola Cup award and the Golden Pen award in 2000 at the World Men's Championships hosted by Softball South Africa. Joe has captured the hearts of the communities with his writing skills, be it in the English or Afrikaans Press. He also brings readers up to date with events such as South African Football Association (SAFA) Cape Town competitions, the league or knockout competitions of the Local Football Association, the annual under 13 tournaments of Strandfontein AFC "By The Sea" as well as the under 23 Kenpark United tournaments. Joseph is an ever-popular softball writer with the Cape Town Softball Association who has helped in encouraging the growth of this sport code. Joseph ensures the promotion of local sporting codes, development and transformation of sport in communities.



**Helena Rowena
Diana Sedras**

Netball

Central Karoo

Helena began playing netball at the tender age of 7 in 1963. She played during her primary and high school years and went on to represent South Western District (SWD) high schools. During the SACOS era, she played and represented Southern Cape in the National Teams as a shooter. Helen played for Spartans Netball Club at the annual Ray Carlier Tournament for several years. After retiring from netball, she spent 27 years as an umpire and coach for Teske Gedenk Primary School. She served as a selector for Karoo Primary schools and for the SWD schools as well. She assisted the SWD school trials as selector, coach and manager. At senior level she managed the newly formed Central Karoo Males Netball team who won silver at the Western Cape Provincial Tournament in 2017. Two of the players were selected for the Western Cape Provincial Team who played from 4 -7 October 2017. Helen also represents Central Karoo on the Western Cape Women and Girls Commission and she is also the league Secretary for the Central Karoo Netball Federation. Her involvement in netball ensured that young players from Beaufort West were able to play in the club and gain exposure. The town subsequently produced South African school's players. The Central Karoo League has flourished and they have numerous Western Cape Schools players who perform under her tutelage. Helen serves on the Women and Girls Commission, she is an EXCO member of the Central Karoo Netball Federation (CKNF), as well as their current secretary. She is also an honorary member of Spartans Netball Club, the CKNF Chairperson of the Selectors Committee and Assistant Coach of the CKNF Netball Academy.



**Ronald “Sunshine”
Scholtz**

Rugby

Eden

Ronald started his rugby career at the age of 13 in 1962 at George High School. He played for George High School's first team, Progress Rugby Club's first team and South Cape Training College's (Oudtshoorn) first team for 3 years. He also played for the Evergreens first team and South Western District team (SWD) from 1970 to 1981. He was captain and vice-captain of the SARU-team. Ronald has given back to his community in a number of ways. He was headmaster of Pacaltsdorp Primary School (PPS) and coached the u/13 team at the school, and was also selected as a coach for the u/13 Coca Cola Craven Week Team, in 1977 and then as team manager for the u/12 team that went to East London in 1988 and Kimberley 1999. He was the sports administrator at Pacaltsdorp Primary School, organizing a Sports Diploma evening with Nedbank annually for a Prize Giving Evening. Ronald also played an important role in the coaching and development of the players at Pacaltsdorp Primary School in all sport codes at the school. As the headmaster, he had to ensure the academic, cultural and physical development of the students. Ronald also assisted the school to obtain funds for a new building and sport grounds, the purchase of vehicles to transport the children to sporting events, as well as electronic equipment such as laptops. Ronald retired on the 31st of October 2014 after 41 years and 10 months as an educator and principal.



Derick “Darra” Petersen

Rugby

Eden

Derick started his rugby career in Mossel Bay. He represented SWD Primary Schools rugby in 1978 and made the South African schools team. Derick went on to represent SWD in the SARU (SA Cup). He served Progress Rugby Club in the capacity of Chairperson from 1999 to 2000. He was the first chairman of the Mr Meat Interschool Rugby Tournament in 2002 and the team manager of the SWD Eagles Rugby team that won the Bankfin Cup. Derick was awarded the George sport administrator of the year in 2002. Derick coached the SWD under19 rugby team in 2001 and 2002. He was once again awarded the team manager position for SWD Eagles from 2011 to 2013. He also served on the Board of SWD high schools and was team manager of SWD Rugby Academy in 2001. He is a lifetime member of the SWD Rugby Union and has been awarded a lifetime achievement award by Eden Sport Council.



William Reuben Turner

Sailing

Eden

William, better known as Bill Turner, started sailing at the age of 50 in 1986. He started off on a Windsurfer and then graduated to sailing an Olympic class laser. The laser is very much a young man's boat, being very volatile and easy to capsize. Despite this, he is still sailing the laser at the ripe old age of almost 83. He is acknowledged as the "capsize King" at George lakes Yacht Club. After 4 joint replacements, he has difficulty getting around the boat and frequently gets stuck, which causes the boat to capsize. He is still able to win the occasional race and hasn't learnt that old men should be more careful in choosing the strength of wind they select to compete in. In his relative youth, he attended both laser nationals and world championships, achieving respectable results at both. He was also a regular competitor in the Western Cape Provincial Championships. In 1998, at the laser nationals in East London, he won the Great Grandmaster class. He has also won sailing and regattas at the George Yacht club. Bill was elected as an Honorary Life member to thank him for his contribution to the club. When the club decided to transform in 1998, Di and Bill Turner approached St Marys to allow 6 children to become trainee sailors. The Turners fetched the children every Sunday for club sailing and also transported them to regattas. They also spent weekends at the Turners' residence. This initiative led to the current state of affairs at the Club, where we have about 30 transformation sailors competing with distinction on the national and international stage. One of our transformation sailors was even selected by South African Sailing to compete in China in 2016. Very few sailors over 80 are still able to compete in multiple races on a Sunday afternoon particularly in the challenging Laser class.



Muriel Katie Susa

Sport for Physically Disabled

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Muriel started her career in Athletics for the physically disabled in 1973 at Conradie Hospital. She has coached both nationally and internationally. Muriel represented Western Province over the years as a team manager and code manager. She was also part of Western Province delegations to neighbouring provinces on an annual basis. Muriel is presently still serving on the executive of the Western Province Sport Association for the Physically Disabled (WPSAPD). She is a volunteer coach for athletes at Vygieskraal, as well as a field official at the South African Championships held in other provinces. Many of the athletes coached by Muriel have reached the highest level in Paralympic Sport and have gone on to be either coaches or administrators.



**Robert Justin George
Doidge (Robbie)**

Sport for Physically Disabled

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Robert, better known as Robbie has been involved in Western Province Sport Association for the Physically Disabled (WPSAPD) in a voluntary capacity since 1981. He started as the bus driver for the St Giles Sports Club, that cater for people with disabilities. Robbie also played and coached in the table tennis league. He went on to coach lawn bowls, where he was appointed as team manager to the South African Lawn Bowls team competing at Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom in 1985. He started coaching athletics in the nineties and this culminated in his appointment as national convener to SASAPD and in 1992 he was appointed as Athletics coach to the South African team at the 1992 Barcelona Paralympics. He was appointed to the St Giles Club Committee as the representative for the club at WPSAPD meetings and he served as WPSAPD chairperson on and off from 1988 -1994, 1997 - 2000 and 2003-2004. During his years as chairperson of WPSAPD he showed true commitment to growing all the sport codes being administered by WPSAPD for athletes with disabilities. Robbie gave active encouragement and support, offering practical advice and provided assistance wherever it was needed. In 1994, he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Association. Robbie has made a difference in the lives of many individuals living with physical disabilities. He was committed to getting athletes to the club and sports meetings, thereby allowing them to enjoy the social and health benefits of sport. He is no longer active in coaching but since 2010 has been an active member of WPSAPD in his capacity of WP Honorary Life Member. He continues to play a very important role in ensuring that equipment and facilities are in good order.



Themba Wilson Spelman

Youth & Sports Organiser

Cape Metropole

Themba initiated and organised sport and youth activities such as karate, judo, girl guides, chess and many other activities. He was instrumental in the introduction of chess competitions in the various townships. An individual from this initiative represented South Africa at the Junior World Chess Championship in Russia, India and Brazil. One of Themba's passions was boxing and he helped where he could. He personally trained Bashew Sibaca and Sidney Hoho who became South African Champions. He also helped Skeleton Mboma and Playboy Mange to become South African Champions.

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