

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TABLE TENNIS UNION

P.O. Box 2152 Durban

15th October, 1963.

Miss M. Draper,
c/o The S.A. Institute of Race Relations,
P.O. Box 97,
JOHANNESBURG.

Dear Miss Draper,

Thank you very much for your booklet on Sport and Race in South Africa. Congratulations on its production! It is most interesting and illuminating.

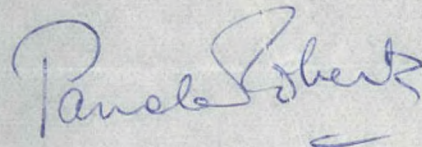
I enclose postal orders for R1.50 together with stamps, and would be most grateful if you could send a copy to our legal adviser, Mr. S. Phitidis (a table tennis player) Equity Building, 88 Fox Street, Johannesburg, and a further copy to me as I want to send it overseas to the International Table Tennis Federation.

Since I last saw you several things have happened - a few members of our Executive met several members of the Board Executive in informal discussion some months ago. From this meeting emerged exactly what you set out in your article on table tennis - that the very least of the Board's requirements were open tournaments and provincial level matches between Board and Union. Mr. Roberts circulated the enclosed proposed constitution among all our affiliated provinces, with a covering letter explaining that the Union and Board would continue to function as separate bodies with separate championships, leagues etcetera, but in addition to this there would be open tournaments. No one is ever obliged to enter an open tournament and Mr. Roberts told Mr. Bassa that it was more than likely that the open tournaments might consist almost exclusively of non white players. Our Associations have given the Chairman of our Union a continuous mandate since 1959 to do whatever he could "within the Law" to enable us to obtain international recognition, including interplay. A few weeks ago at our A.G.M. this constitution was passed as a draft to be sent to the Board for comment. The only Association against, was Orange Free State. There is one thing I think I should mention - that I have no doubt whatever that under normal circumstances a large number of our members would enter tournaments etc. where there was interplay. I know because I come into contact with a great number of players. I have been amazed at their progressive attitude towards sport. BUT I believe that they will NOT ENTER

the tournaments because they will be too frightened of the idea of going against a policy which the Government would lead us to believe is our very own choice - but which I do not believe is the case in sport. Otherwise how could they agree to the enclosed constitution. As a matter of fact, we had reached a complete impasse and decided to simply set out a draft constitution as we imagined the Board would accept without question, send it out to our Associations and await results, which we imagined could be mostly negative. It was a surprise when the replies came in - provided the constitution can be ~~be~~ carried out within the Law, they agree. I think Associations must have realised that we could not continue with small compromises. ^{and that we were wasting our time} Copies of the draft have been sent to Mr. Bassa for distribution and comment and meanwhile Bassa has written asking ~~by~~ what is meant by "within the Law" - also what the position will be about members of the Union who do not approve - whether they will be forced to toe the line in other words. We, of course, do not intend to force anybody to do anything they do not wish to do. Whatever happens, at least they must realise overseas that in all sincerity we have tried!

Once again, many thanks for the booklet,

Yours sincerely,



MRS. P. ROBERTS.
Secretary.

P.S. Any comments or advice
would be appreciated!

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PROPOSED DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF A
SOUTH AFRICAN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION:

1. The South African Table Tennis Association shall comprise the South African Table Tennis Board and the South African Table Tennis Union (the said South African Table Tennis Association hereinafter being referred to as the "Association")
2. The Association shall seek membership of the International Table Tennis Federation.
3. Each of the constituent bodies shall have full domestic autonomy except that the Association shall be the highest body of appeal on matters of international and national level, submitted to it by the Board or the Union.
4. The objects of the Association shall be :-
 - a) the ultimate establishment of a single body controlling table tennis in South Africa.
 - b) in the interim the arranging of national and provincial level matches between players of the Board and the Union; the sponsoring of an annual South African Table Tennis Championship and Provincial Championships open to all players registered with the Board and the Union; the organising of tours to and from overseas, no tours to be arranged independently by constituent bodies without the permission of the Association.
5.
 - a) The Association committee shall consist of equal numbers of representatives from the Board and the Union (suggest five each) who shall serve for one year and in addition a Chairman nominated every six months by the Board and the Union alternately.
 - b) A secretary and a treasurer will be elected from the committee.
 - c) The headquarters of the Association shall be decided annually.
 - d) All expenses of the Association (including travelling expenses of the committee) shall be borne equally by the Board and the Union until such time as the Association is able to undertake this.
 - e) The committee shall meet at least once every three months.
 - f) A quorum for the committee will be 100%.
 - g) Should a committee member be unable to attend a meeting he shall be entitled to nominate a proxy.
 - h) The Chairman shall have neither an ordinary nor a casting vote.
 - i) All monies accruing from matches organised by the Association shall be administered by the Association Executive.
6. The Association shall dissolve and cease to exist should either of the constituent bodies withdraw its membership. Should this occur, on dissolution, :-
 - (i) all assets and liabilities of the Association shall be divided equally between the Board and the Union.
 - (ii) the Association membership to the International Table Tennis Federation will be cancelled automatically and the Board and the Union shall revert to their status quo ante.

15th October, 1963.

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Mr. Peter Louw,
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Kruger and Delhi Road,
Lansdowne,
CAPE PENINSULA.

Dear Mr. Louw,

Many thanks for your letter of 8th October, and for your kind remarks about the booklet. May I say again how very grateful I was to you and Mr. Wall for your valuable help.

I should be glad to know more details about the efforts you have gone to in obtaining permission for the 1964 S.A. Open Championships and also your negotiations in the international sphere. If you would like to send me the correspondence, I will return it within one week. It would be better to send it by registered post to avoid any danger of its going astray.

Mr. Hall sent me on loan the enclosed copies of correspondence which I now return with thanks. I did not quote directly from the letters because I thought they should probably be treated as confidential.

The address of the S.A. Sports Association, as far as I know, is c/o Mr. G. asamy, P.O. Box 2129, Port Elizabeth.

I am afraid that it is not possible to send you further copies free of charge for your Provincial Golf Unions. Copies are, of course, available from our Publications Department at a cost of 75 cents per booklet.

I shall follow developments in Non-White golf in the future with great interest.

Yours very sincerely,

National Golf Organiser

VICE - PRESIDENT

S. A NON-EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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8th October 1963

Miss Mary Draper.
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Johannesburg.

Dear Miss Draper,

Thank you for your brief note and the Booklet on Sport and Race in South Africa. I must compliment you for the Wonderfull and comprehensive manner in which all the articles were written I was particularly interested in the paragraphs on "golf"

Thank you for the Booklet. The information that you received from Mr R.G.Fall. may I draw your attention that Mr Fall and I have carefully gone through the fact finding paper and the information you received from Mr Fall , we have done it together.

S.A Open at Glendower

Permission to stage the 1964 S.A Open Championships has been granted, there were about 60 letters going to and from Cape Town to the various Departments since Jan. I am almost tempted to send you the 60 copies of letters to show you the terrific struggle we had to get this Tournament. Then I have some International Correspondence. I wonder whether I could sent this up to you for a week to look through, it would give fuller information about the development of Non-White Golf in South Africa.

S.A Sports Association.

This is almost unbelievable that this above body has never invited us to their meetings. I do not even know who these officials are. I shall be greafull to get their addresses. from you.

I feel that all our Provincial Golf Unions should be in a poaition of this excellent Bookle. Under seperate Cover I shall be sending on to you booklets Golf Journals about Non-White Golf for your perusal.

Awaiting an early reply from you.

Obediently Yours.

Peter Louw.
P. Louw

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