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THE PRESIDENT'S GLOBAL DESK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCT 2024

Uganda is known as the Pearl of Africa! Yes! But now there is a String of Pearls connecting Uganda and South Africa, Namibia and the IJF ... by an everlasting cord ... hopefully for at least another about 300 years, because this is the memorable age of one of South Africa's indigenous sports, JUKSKEI.

Now this technical and challenging sport, played by people of all ages and cultures, has found its place also in Uganda. The recent two visits to Uganda and Herbert and Richard's visit to South Africa contributed to a solid foundation between the two countries OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT UGANDA!

In good spirits now, without any attempt to make anyone jealous, some of the comments received from the recent visitors to Uganda:

"Very good tour, very nice experience, well organised." - Franzell Behm

"Well planned, well executed and eye-opener for the future ..." - Jako Botes

"The joy of making it happen and having everyone there." - Andries Knoetze

"Well organised, great experience and a privilege." - Ria Smit

"Unbelievable!!! Instructive!!! Other world!!! Experience Africa from other people's point of view!! Will definitely go again." - Anien Heydenrych

"Proud to be part of awesome SA group. Jukskei development was a huge success." - Karin Knoetze.



TINUS BARNARD

"The most amazing and wonderful experience of my live." - Jorinda Swanepoel

"It was a Privilege, Unforgettable, Informative, Broaden your Knowledge, Learn more about other people's cultures, but also made me aware that we are fortunate to live in South Africa." - Joseph de Klerk

"Unforgettable experience, eye-opener, new friendships, grateful, adapt to all playing fields." - Soretha Matthee

"Interesting, I enjoyed it very much." - Gerhardus Matthee

"It was absolutely amazing and a dream come true." - Dirk Brits

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“Eye-opening experience with great success in organizing and learning.” - Herbert, President of Uganda Jukskei

“Eye-opening experience, humbled by the quiet but friendly Ugandans that are happy with a humble life. Felt safe and really enjoyed this ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ opportunity.” - Ruan Aldum

“Fun and adventurous, full of excitement and pleasure.” - Durandt Bezuidenhout

“Onvergeetlike, besonder lekker avontuur en baie mooi vir ‘n Kalahariboer.” - Japie Dreyer

“An unforgettable experience.” - Danie Oosthuizen

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT UGANDA!

Last, but not least: Thanks to our sponsors, Voetstoots Safaris, ACK Civils Africa, USN and Danie Steyn, every shilling was worth it. We all really appreciate your contribution.

Also a word of thanks for Jukskei South Africa sending the academy teams on tour. We believe that all the youngsters enjoyed every moment of the tour.

And be mindful of the exams at hand! May all of you be extremely successful, whether you are in grade one or grade 12 or at university or at any other qualification-reaping institution.

Greetings from sandpit to sandpit.



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UGANDA TOUR

31 AUG TO 7 SEPTEMBER

Five years ago, Dirk Brits and Herbert Mwiima started working together on a dream. This was the realization of that dream.....

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the countries that have shown enthusiasm and passion for Jukskei. Your dedication to learning and playing this traditional sport not only helps in promoting cultural exchange but also fosters friendship and camaraderie among nations.

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

At last, the day has arrived!

People left from all over the country to meet each other at OR Tambo airport where we gathered. Everyone was on time and reported at half past nine as requested. It was good to see old and young and as we know the jukskei players, it was a happy reunion that was accompanied by great excitement.

Little knowing that everyone's visas had not been received, photos were taken and the finale arrangements were passed on to the group by Tinus. There were still seven out of the 30 visas short. Fortunately, between Andries and Karin it was sorted out and Karin was at the airport time with the relevant seven people's visas in her hand and everyone could go through all the respective customs with peace of mind.

Stock was replenished at the duty-free shop before boarding the plane. We were ready to fly, but we were only able to board half an hour later. Everyone got their seat, some together, with others unfortunately not, but nevertheless - Uganda here we come! We were leaving 31 minutes later than scheduled.



It was very foggy and we did not see much land as we flew. Suddenly Lake Malawi appeared and we know our destination was not that far away. Then we saw lots of water - it was the enormous Lake Victoria. What a beautiful picture from above.

We prepared to land at the Entebbe airport right next to the lake. Andries met us at the arrival hall (outdoors). We packed and left in two small busses to the Peniel Beach Hotel where we would spend the night. A delicious dinner was served to us. Richard, his wife and little one from Uganda Jukskei, came to visit us with some gifts for the IJF members. They hung out until late before everyone went to bed. Everyone had their own luxury room that night - what a privilege.

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SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

We celebrated spring day in Uganda with our new Voetstoets shirts. A big thank you to Voetstoets for these beautiful shirts in which we all looked equally beautiful and stood out as a group.

Breakfast was at 7h00, the bags were packed and we were on our way to Jinja. The seniors in one bus and the Academy juniors with their officials in the other bus. Little knowing what awaited us along the way, we first stopped at an ABSA bank to withdraw money. Uganda's currency is shillings and that works out to about R1-00 for 195 shillings. It felt like we were rich with the thousands of shillings in our wallets. It was interesting that the traffic lights in Entebbe work in such a way that you can see the seconds counting down before you either have to stop or can drive or cross as a pedestrian. Now the road lay ahead of us - only 140 kms, but we drove longer than 4 hours! It should be added that there were also quite a few pit stops along the way. I wonder why? The towns are contiguous and you drive from one town into the other town. Only sometimes between the smaller villages there may be a piece of forest or field that separates the villages from each other.

Furthermore, there were many stalls on the pavements. There you can buy anything, from the most beautiful leather furniture that stands there in wind and weather, shop mannequins dressed up with the most beautiful clothes and especially many food stalls.

The fuel station attendants each sit with a book and a pen - perhaps to record how much fuel is poured. The bathrooms were an experience. First, the women had to walk past the men's bathroom - without doors - to get to the women's bathroom. The women's bathroom was strange to us - we had to squat. Going down was not a problem, but oh dear, getting up from the squat position, was not easy. The women laughed at each other, but everything was accepted in a good spirit. Uganda's public transport is mostly motorbikes. If you and your family want to get somewhere, you get on a motorcycle and there you go, without helmets. Sometimes there are up to 5 passengers on such a motorcycle with the driver.

We arrived safely at the Nile River Lodge where we would stay for the rest of our stay.

A delicious lunch was enjoyed, unpacking was done and rooms were allocated.

Andries meanwhile started building four pots for dinner. With the pots on the fire, men, juniors and some of the women went fishing on the Nile River. Some of the other women enjoyed a treat in the Spa. With the group that went fishing, some of the boys also took a quick swim in the Nile River while the others were watching from the boat. The fish didn't bite!

Late that night we enjoyed Andries delicious pots with rice. Stronger social bonds were formed in the group. Another busy day was waiting for us on Monday.



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MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Little did we know what an incredible day awaited us again!

After breakfast at 08:00 everyone travelled in one bigger bus. We were on our way to the Source of the Nile; in the middle of the river from where the river originates. Two small boats had been arranged and we first enjoyed a peaceful boat cruise along the banks of the river. We saw the most beautiful birds and also rock metres - different sizes.

The tour guides know their surroundings and told us interesting stories. Then we saw a wooden house in the middle of the river. We could get down there and take pictures. This is where the Nile River originates and the water can be seen bubbling up from below. It is said that the water pushes up (sprays up) from 80 meters underground. The natural beauty along the river reminded one of the South Coast in KZN. Back on solid ground, Daleen decided she would first experience how it feels to use public transport and paid 4000 shillings for a short ride on one of the motorbikes. After that we went to the town for a shopping trip to buy gifts.

Lunch was packed by the Lodge and we ate calmly on the lawn in front of the Railway Museum.

After some of the group's members had undertaken a tour of the museum, we returned to the Lodge. The juniors were keen to try the slide, of 25 metres, which slides from the top of the Lodge into the river. Soretha decided to join the juniors. In the late afternoon it was time for a sunset cruise on the Nile River and what an experience it was... to think we were sailing on the mighty and great Nile River that we read about in the Bible. It had been a very special moment. The most beautiful sunset, the tranquility of the water, the delicious refreshments - something that everyone would remember forever. What a privilege it was to once again see our Creator's hand in everything.

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

When writing this day's piece, one realized once again it was a privilege to experience the sunrise with the Nile River as the main player in this story.

Andries had arranged another busy day for us before we had to start playing jukskei on Wednesday - the purpose of this tour.

We left for the Market in the morning. Although we didn't find anything there that we wanted to buy, it was a different experience. One floor was the clothing department.

Women sat behind sewing machines and made clothes right there with piles of clothes that lined the aisles and were offered for sale. Another floor was the restaurant, with live chickens in cages, meat hanging from the roof where you could cut off your meat right there, or dead fish staring at you with open eyes - whatever you prefer, yet another floor sold all kinds of plastic wares and general household items. It was a massive place and we didn't quite understand how everyone could survive with the same wares that were offered for sale. Fortunately, our tour guide accompanied us and led us safely back to the street where our bus was parked.

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We drove back to where all the gift shops were - the last opportunity to buy gifts for our people back home.

Then we headed to the Bucowooko waterfalls which form part of the Nile River. First, we enjoyed lunch again among the trees with hordes of spiders and their webs woven between the branches. For safety, we rather stood away from under the trees. The guides escorted us down to the falls. Here we saw how the visitors frolic in the water and float down the river on tubes. We were also surprised to see some adventurous people on inflatable boats who were exploring the river in this way. After we walked between all the rocks and pools with the help of wooden bridges, there was a small group who decided to swim in the pools with their clothes on... a nice cooling off in the tepid water of the Nile. On the return trip, everyone was exhausted - the fresh air took its toll and it was very quiet in the bus. For the first time, we went to visit the courts where Tinus and Andries were making the final preparations before we started playing the next day. It was barely 300 metres from the lodge where we stayed.

The players from Uganda were also there and we quickly got to know each other. Back at the Lodge, Tinus explained how the three days of play would work. We were there to do development and that is why two players from each country were assigned to a team on Wednesday and Thursday. After another delicious dinner, the gift packages that our South Africans brought for the players from Uganda were packed. Sweets, biscuits, rulers, pens, pencils, old medals, bracelets etc. were all packed in this gift pack.

Thanks to everyone who brought something. It is truly appreciated. Then it was time for bed to get ready for the next day's jukskei that everyone was looking forward to.

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

We were excited! Today we were going to play jukskei and develop the game in an African country! The main purpose of this visit. Who knows what the future holds for jukskei, of which we were laying the first building blocks in Mid-Africa.

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The whistle blew. The captains were patient, we showed them how to place the peg, pitch, measure and take the score. We didn't play to win, but for training and to make sure the players knew how to play jukskei when we leave for home in three days. At the end of the day's play, there were play-offs for gold, silver and bronze medals. Congratulations to all the winners - those medals brought big smiles to players' faces.

The surprise was that the tour group had each brought something from home, be it sweets or biscuits or stationery or whatever, it was put in a bag (thanks to Jannie Opperman) and given to each participant from Uganda (24 players) in a gift bag. It was an experience to see the gratitude on their faces. A big thank you to each of the tour group's contribution.

A refreshing shower of rain had the final say in the play-offs, but it didn't bother us, it was actually quite refreshing in the heat of the Ugandan sun. We set off back to the Lodge - all satisfied with our successful first day.

At the Lodge, while the adults were relaxing in the lapa, the juniors decided they would go slip sliding again in the Nile River. The Junior Academy group together with Soretha thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Late in the evening, a delicious meal was again served and everyone went to bed. Another full day's play awaited us the next day.

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Early in the morning there was a stir in the rooms and after another delicious breakfast we left for the courts. Some just walked to the courts, but after the previous day's refreshing rain, everyone's sneakers were full of mud. The pitches were slippery, but everyone adjusted without complaining. We were there to develop jukskei. A round robin was played with a number from the hat. Certain captains were a little more popular than others (tongue in cheek), because the faces that brightened up when they saw who they were going to play with made us laugh. Training was done again. The Ugandan players started to participate more spontaneously and joined in the shouting.

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They were taught quite a few Afrikaans words such as 'Mooi' and 'Lekker' which they quickly picked up. At the end of the day's play, medals were awarded to the first 12 players with the most points. With this way of playing, each player scored each round for himself. It was pleasing to see how many of these players received a medal with which they could go home. The next day was Friday and then official test matches would be played between the Academy Boys and Girls and teams from Uganda..... another first that was happening there!

The respective teams that would play against each other were announced and there were so many happy faces when their names were read.

At the Lodge, the trainers got together again and talked in particular about the progress that was already visible in two days time.

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Everyone was up early, the Boys and Girls Academy maybe with a tingle in their stomachs, because they were making history today!

We realized that the official standing and lining up for the test matches was a reality. With the playing of the respective South African and Ugandan National Anthems, one could not help but get emotional again. Firstly - listening to your country's national anthem in another country was an emotional experience and secondly, history was being made that day.

The whistle blew and the four junior teams challenged each other. It was good to see that what the players had learned in the past two days being plowed back with enthusiasm, captaincy and also knocking down of pegs. Every captain of the tour group can congratulate himself - it took a lot of patience, but was absolutely worth it.

The Academy Girls scored a set against their opponents with the Academy Boys winning 8-7. Having said that, the team from Uganda played a great game. The medal ceremony took place and medals were awarded to these four teams. After this, the tour group was divided into teams to at least play a bit more competitive jukskei with all the Ugandan players and the Academy juniors in a division. It sometimes felt like we were at Jukskei Park doing the Junior Championship as there were chatter and shouting and encouragement from all the juniors. It was such a good feeling that cannot be described. Jukskei certainly reaped the rewards and won with this visit to Uganda. So thus, we came to the end of the tournament. Each player and participant received a medal during the closing ceremony, which was again concluded with the most beautiful prayer delivered by Herbert's wife. The tour group was later informed that our visit in Uganda had come to an end and that we had to leave at 12 o'clock that night for Entebbe where we would catch our flight back to South Africa the next morning. For the last time, the boys and Daleen did some slip-sliding into the Nile River again. After that, the bags were packed and rooms tidied up before we left at twelve o'clock in the two vans. We arrived in Entebbe earlier than planned and we hung around the airport or slept there until our flight left at 08:00. How does one describe in just ten words what we had all experienced?

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Words like awesome, privileged, emotional, incredible and unforgettable experience, jukskei friends across National borders, but also the privilege of playing with your own country's National players, come to mind.

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Safely back in our own country, with the Namibians who had yet to fly back to their country, it was comforting to see your own people again and tell them how and what we experienced.

Thank you, Andries Knoetze and Tinus Barnard for this initiative and big sponsor of the tour so that it was affordable for us as a tour group. Thank you for all the preparation and organization so that the tour group could just relax and enjoy it.

JUKSKEI TRULY WON, THANKS TO EVERY MEMBER OF THIS TOUR GROUP. WE SAY GOODBYE UNTIL NEXT YEAR!



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**Basque Country Jukseki Championship
2024 Doubles and Individual modalities.**

Last march 9, saturday, the Basque Association of Beach Tennis and Minority Sports organized the II. Basque Country Jukseki Championship in doubles. 8-9 players got together on the Ereaga beach in Getxo and after playing volleyball we made teams of 2 players and played three games: two semi-finals and the grand final.

We played in the sand and everyone had a great time. The best couple was composed of Joseba Pascual (a new player who really liked the sport) and Maximo, who beat Egoitz and Jan Dabi in the final.

Here we leave you the results of II. Basque Country Jukseki Championship (Doubles):

Doubles

Semifinals

Egoitz Campo/Jan Dabi Romero/ Axel Pernet 15-7 Joseba Zubiaurre/Galder Etxebarria

Joseba Pascual/Maximo Kulachenok 15-2 Andi Erromo/ Mikel Torde/ Jon Ander Gil

Final

Joseba Pascual/ Maximo Kulachenok 15-8 Egotiz Campo/Jan Dabi Romero

Classification

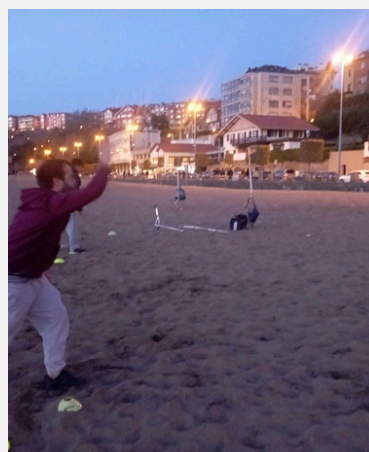
1-Joseba Pascual and Maximo Kulachenok

2-Egoitz Campo Jan Dabi Romero and Axel Pernet

3-Joseba Zubiaurre and Galder Etxebarria

4-Jon Ander Gil, Mikel Torde and Andi Erromo

Congratulation to Joseba Pascual and Maximo Kulachenok!



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Individual

On 5th of march, and 16th and 25th of may we played the individual tournament. Several players got together in Santutxu (Bilbao), Leioa and Donibane Lohitzune (Lapurdi- France) to play all the games of the II. Basque Jukskey Championship (Individual). All the games were very even, although in the end Egoitz was the one who had the best aim. Here we leave you the results of the individual tournament.

First day (05/03)

Egoitz Campo 13-7 Joseba Zubiaurre

Egoitz Campo 6-3 Maximo Kulachenok

Second day (16/05)

Preliminary round

Felipe Haase 10-4 Luis (Felipe didnt play the semifinals because he left the competition)

Egoitz Campo 6-0 Joseba Zubiaurre

Semifinals

Egoitz Campo 8-5 Daniel Barrientos

Andi Erromo 10-5 Luis Getxo

Final

Egoitz Campo 10-4 Andi Erromo

Third day (05/25)

Preliminary matches

David Moreno 3-2 Guti Romero

Egoitz Campo 14-6 David Moreno

Semifinals

Egoitz Campo 10-2 Daniel Barrientos

Kepa Sanchez 6-3 David Moreno

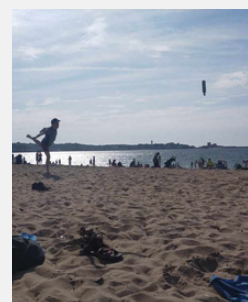
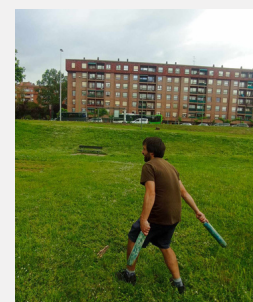
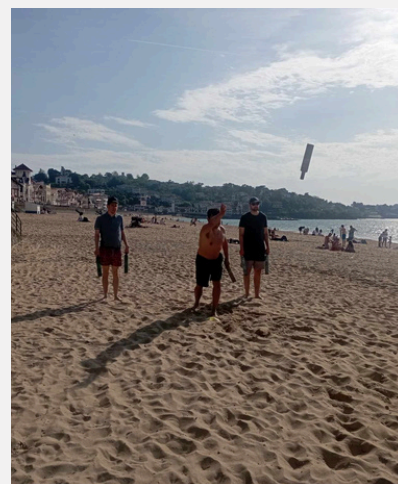
Final

Egoitz Campo 10-2 Kepa Sanchez

Final Classification

- 1-Egoitz Campo 15 points (+77) Basque Country
- 2-Daniel Barrientos 6 points (+7) Basque Country
- 3-Andi Erromo 5 points (+14) Basque Country
- 4-Kepa Sánchez 4 points (+8) Basque Country
- 5-Joseba Zubiaurre 4 points (+7) Basque Country
- 6-Luis Getxo 3 points (+9) Basque Country
- 7-David Moreno 2 points (+9) Basque Country
- 8-Felipe Haase 1 point (+10) Colombia
- 9-Maximo Kulachenok 1 point (+3) Basque Country
- 10-Guti Romero 1 point (+2) Basque Country

Congratulations to Egoitz Campo!



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Bilbao Jukseki Tournament 2024
Last June 25, Saturday, the Basque Association of Beach Tennis and Minority Sports organized the I. Bilbao Jukseki Tournament, individual. It was a short but intense game that we played after playing bocce.

Egoitz in the semi-finals beat Garikoitz just 13-11. Garikoitz made some very good shots, and we both hit the club several times. Daniel also won his match against Jon Ander with a very poor result, but he won.

In the finals, Egoitz, although he missed the mark, managed to beat Daniel and beat him 6-3. Now in September we will play the Ereaga Tournament again, and possibly we will also play individually. Here are the results:

Semi-finals

Egoitz Campo 13-11 Garikoitz Casquero

Daniel Barrientos 3-2 Jon Ander Gil

Final

Egoitz Campo 6-3 Daniel Barrientos

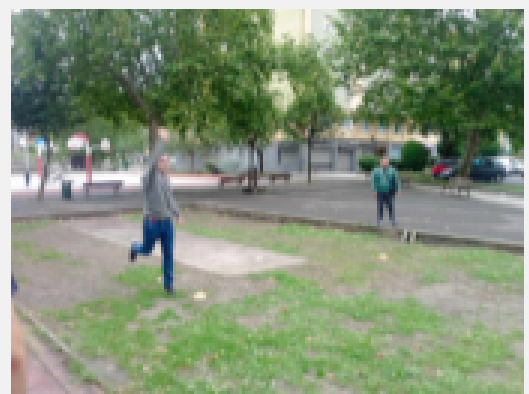
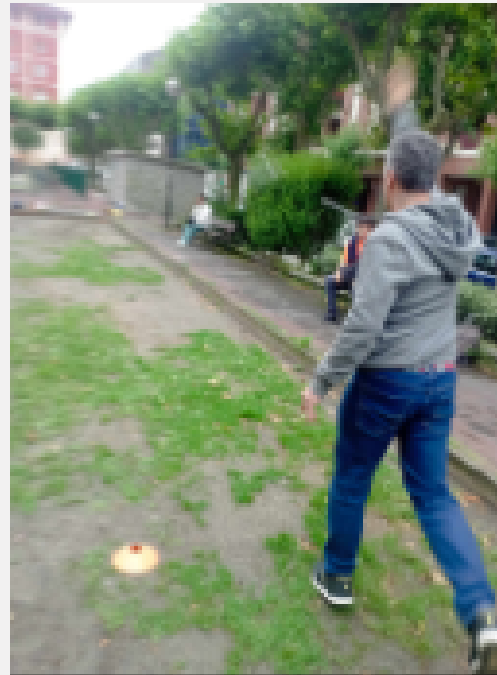
Classification

1-Egoitz Campo (Basque Country)

2-Daniel Barrientos (Basque Country)

3-Garikoitz Casquero (Basque Country)

4-Jon Ander Gil (Basque Country)



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Ortuella Jukseki Tournament (Doubles) 2024

The last Thursday, 25th of July, the Basque Beach Tennis and Minority Sports Association organized the I. Ortuella Jukseki Tournament. Six players took part and we played in Aiega (in a neighborhood of Ortuella). We made three pairs and we played all against all. The pair formed by Ander and Andi were the best and won both their games.

Daniel and Joseba, a new player who really liked the game, finished second after winning the last game against Egoitz and Lander. They finished in third position. The truth is that Egoitz did not have his day and did not have very good aim.

In September, if all goes well, we will play the II. Ereaga Jukseki Tournament, on the beach in Getxo. Here are the results of this last tournament:

Matches

Andi Erromo/ Ander López 13-7 Egoitz Campo/Lander Campo

Andi Erromo/ Ander López 13-9 Daniel Barrientos/ Joseba Fernández

Daniel Barrientos/ Joseba Fernández 11-9 Egoitz Campo/Lander Campo

Classification

1-Andi Erromo (Basque Country) and Ander López (Basque Country)

2-Daniel Barrientos (Basque Country) and Joseba Fernández (Basque Country)

3-Lander Campo (Basque Country) and Egoitz Campo (Basque Country)



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II. Ereaga Jukseki Tournament (Doubles) 2024

On Saturday 28th September, the Basque Beach Tennis and Minority Sports Association organized a new jukseki tournament in the Basque Country; the fourth tournament this year, after the Basque Jukseki Championship (singles and doubles), Bilbao Tournament (singles), Ortuella Tournament (doubles) and this one; Ereaga Jukseki Tournament (doubles). This time we played the II. Ereaga Jukseki Tournament in Ereaga Beach (Getxo). We gathered 9 players, so we decided to create 4 teams of two or three players each team.

We only play the doubles tournament. A team played with three players; Garikoitza, Daniel and Itziar played with a substitute. We played four games of 15 minutes each more or less. We played semifinals, a match for the 3rd and 4th positions and the final.

There was a lot of tension and fighting. Also equality between the throwers. After a very exciting final the pair formed by Egoitz and Joseba were able to beat Joseba Pascual and Gael Pascual (father and son) by only two points. It was an interesting tournament. This will probably be the last tournament of jukseki in the Basque Country this year. Next year, if everything goes well, between March and June we will compete in the III. Basque Country Jukseki Championship, individual and couples.

Here we leave you the results:

Semifinals

Egoitz Campo/Joseba Zubiaurre 18-1 Galder Etxebarria/Daniel Barrientos/Itziar Retuerto
Joseba Pascual/Gael Pascual 16-1 Garikoitz Casquero/Jon Ander Gíl

A match for the 3rd and 4th match

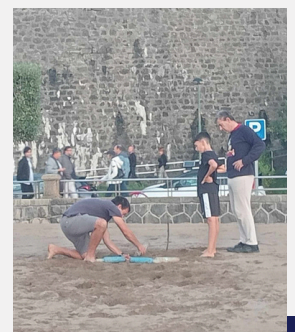
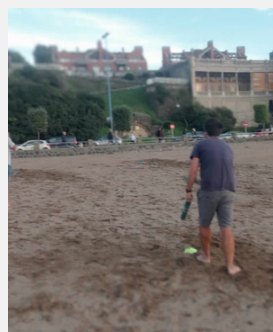
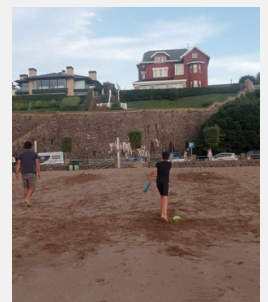
Garikoitz Casquero/Jon Ander Gíl 10-9 Galder Etxebarria/Daniel Barrientos/Itziar Retuerto

Final

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- 2-Joseba Pascual (Basque Country) and Gael Pascual (Basque Country)
- 3-Garikoitz Casquero (Basque Country) and Jon Ander Gil (Basque Country)
- 4-Galder Etxebarria (Basque Country), Daniel Barrientos (Basque Country) and Itziar Retuerto (Basque Country)



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NAMIBIA

VICE PRESIDENT ERIK STRAUSS

Private school Moria: Jukskei Sport festival

Date: 07 September 2024

Place: Outjo

8 Teams participate in this successful jukskei event.

Gold: Otjiwarongo School

Silver: Moria

Bronz: Moria

Important Dates: 2024

2024/10/11 Namibia Junior Trails

2024/10/12: Coen Brand Open

Tournament

2025 Namibia Open Championship

Date: 2025/06/30 - 2025/07/04

Place: Swakopmund



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The Masters tournament took place on
23 September - 27 September 2024

Dear Master's Committee,

We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks for the excellent job you did in organizing the Master's Tournament 2024. Your hard work and dedication were evident in every detail, and it truly made for an unforgettable experience.

Thank you once again for your commitment and for making this event a great success!

SA MEESTERS TOERNOOI 2024

SPANWEDSTRYDE

FINALE PUNTESTAND

AFDELING A		
SUID VRYSTAAT	112	1
SEDIBENG	110,5	2
KZN	96	3
MPUMALANGA	91,5	4
VHEMBE	91	5
NOORD VRYSTAAT	89,5	6
NELSON MANDELABAAI	89,5	7
GAUTENG NOORD	87,5	8
OVERBERG	86,5	9
OOS GAUTENG	84,5	10
NOORDWES	84	11
NOORD KAAP	75	12
LIMPOPO	72,5	13

AFDELING B		
WESKUS	91	1
NOORDWES	83	2
NAMIBIA	79	3
SUID VRYSTAAT	77,5	4
SEDIBENG	72,5	5
NOORD KAAP	64,5	6
NOORD VRYSTAAT	63,5	7
GAUTENG NOORD	58,5	8
NELSAON MANDELABAAI	48	9
MPUMALANGA	37,5	10

AFDELING C		
WESKUS	114,5	1
OOS GAUTENG	101	2
NOORDWES	101	2
OVERBERG	88	4
LIMPOPO	81	5
SEDIBENG	81	6
OOS VRYSTAAT	79,5	7
		8
		9
NAMIBIA 1	69,5	10
GAUTENG NOORD	68,5	11
KZN	64,5	12

AFDELING D		
MPUMALANGA D	124,5	1
NOORDWES D	124	2
SEDIBENG D	113,5	3
NOORDKAAP D	101	4
OOS GAUTENG D	98,5	5
NOORD VRYSTAAT D	89,5	6
OVERBERG D	89,5	7
GAUTENG NOORD D	68,5	8

AFDELING E		
NOORDWES E	87	1
SUID VRYSTAAT E	83,5	2
NOORD KAAP E	81	3
SEDIBENG E	78,5	4
GAUTENG NOORD E	63,5	5
OOS GAUTENG E	58,5	6

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SOUTH- AFRICA MASTERS AWARDS

During the 2024 Maters tournament the Masters Committee decided to honor their players who has received Masters Colors for ten years or more.

This is a tradition that they would like to see continue for year to come

MASTERS 2024

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



Johan
Groenewald



11 Years

MASTERS 2024

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



Bets
Hansen



16 Years

MASTERS 2024

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



Antoon
Claasen



17 Jaar

MASTERS 2024

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Johan
Hansen



19 Years

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**SOUTH- AFRICA
MASTERS AWARDS MORE THAN 10 YEARS**

MASTERS 2024

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS



Annetjie
Van der Merwe



22 Years

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SA MEESTERS TOERNOOI 2024

GESAMENTLIK

FINALE PUNTESTAND

		Groot Totaal				BOETIE PIENAAR TROFEE						
	PROVINSIE/DISTRIK	Afd A		Afd B		Afd C		Afd D		Afd E		Totaal
		TRIPS	SPAN	TRIPS	SPAN	TRIPS	SPAN	TRIPS	SPAN	TRIPS	SPAN	
1	NOORDWES	73,5	84	80	83	85,5	101	114	124	94	87	906
2	SEDI BEND	81,5	110,5	45,5	72,5	81,5	81	108,5	113,5	82,5	78,5	807,5
3	GAUTENG NOORD	78,5	87,5	45,5	58,5	82,5	88,5	92,5	88,5	74,5	83,5	698
4	NOORD KAAP	90,5	75	85,5	64,5			72	101	79	81	628,5
5	OOS GAUTENG	73	84,5			85,5	101	72,5	98,5	80	58,5	631,5
6	NOORD VRYSTAAT	78,5	80,5	55,5	63,5	80,5	71	82	80,5			588
7	OVERBERG	72	88,5			82	88	91,5	80,5			509,5
8	SUID VRYSTAAT	85	112	50,5	77,5					84,5	83,5	408
9	HPUMALANGA	88	91,5	48	37,5			95,5	124,5			455
10	WESKUS			45	91	83	114,5					333,5
11	KZN	75,5	98			72	64,5					308
12	LIMPOPO	78,5	72,5			74,5	81					304,5
13	NAMIBIE			68,5	79	82,5	80,5					277,5
14	NELSON MANDELA BAAI	80,5	80,5	51	88							258
15	VHEMBE	74	91									185
16	OOS VRYSTAAT					78,5	79,5					158



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SOUTH- AFRICA MASTERS TEAMS

MASTERS 2024

MEN ABOVE 50



MASTERS 2024

MEN ABOVE 60



MASTERS 2024

INVITATIONALS



MASTERS

MASTERS 2024

WOMEN ABOVE 50



WOMEN ABOVE 60



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JUKSKEI DEVELOPMENT

On this front of the IJF, it is going extremely well. At this time, throughout the world, every person, interested in Jukskei, knows about the Uganda Tournament during the first week of September 2024. Thanks to those who made inputs on social media during the tournament.

Due to this tournament, two countries of the Eastern block of Africa made contact. The two countries are the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ghana.

With the experience gained, as a 'new' country, I requested Herbert, the president of Jukskei Uganda, to assist me with his neighbouring countries. Warning to South Africa and Namibia, the main goal of the Eastern block is to become the new African champions in Jukskei.

Having said that, what about the future of development of the Eastern Block, especially Uganda? Why do I pinpoint Uganda? Andries Knoetze, of Voetstoots Safari, is busy with the establishment of a Jukskei Park on the walls of the Nile River near the town of Jinja. The aim is to host a minimum of 24 teams, plus some visitors. (Attached are some photos of the development in progress)
The second part of the development, which is essential, is the further development of the players and coaches. With this, the IJF needs the assistance of JSA and Namibia Jukskei to send at least one team per year to Uganda for training purposes.



The cherry on the cake will be to have an African Games in September 2027 in Uganda.

My last request is, should you be interested in playing in the Uganda Tournament of September 2025, you must start saving for it..



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JUKSKEI PARK UGANDA



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A HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR JUKSKEI UGANDA:

HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI

TOURNAMENT IN BUJAGALI BY MWIIMA MWESIGWA HERBERT

The scenic landscapes of Bujagali in Jinja City provided the perfect backdrop for an event that will be etched in the history of Jukskei Uganda. From 4th to 6th September 2024, Uganda proudly hosted the International Jukskei Tournament, a prestigious event that brought together players and teams from Uganda and South Africa. The three-day tournament, filled with intense competition, cultural exchange, and remarkable learning opportunities, was a resounding success.

Learning from the Best: Uganda Meets South Africa

The tournament kicked off with a focus on learning and skill development. On the first day, players from Uganda were guided by their South African counterparts, with an emphasis on mentorship and knowledge sharing. Juniors learned invaluable skills from the senior players, particularly in scoring and pitching techniques. The hands-on guidance allowed Uganda's boys and girls to gain confidence and refine their gameplay, enhancing their overall understanding of the sport. According to Jukskei Uganda President Mwiima Mwesigwa Herbert, the experience was deeply impactful for the juniors. "Seeing our young players learn from seasoned South African players was a proud moment. It not only improved their skills but also built their love for the sport."

A New Format Brings New Skills

On Thursday, the tournament introduced a new playing format called "Play Out of the Hat," which challenged the players to think on their feet and adapt to new situations.

This format, a departure from traditional play, helped Ugandan players gain strategic insights and acquire new techniques. The exposure to such variations in gameplay was critical for the players' development, equipping them with skills that will benefit them in both local and international competitions.

A Lasting Memory: Juniors vs. South African Academy

Friday, the final day of the tournament, witnessed a thrilling match between Uganda's Junior Academy and the South African Junior Academy. The intensity of the game left a lasting impact on the young players, who relished the opportunity to compete at an international level. The match wasn't just a test of skill, but a significant milestone for the Ugandan team, which fought valiantly against their seasoned opponents. Katende Ronald, captain of the Uganda Boys Academy, reflected on the experience: "Playing against the South African Academy pushed us to our limits. It was challenging, but we learned so much, especially in terms of teamwork and strategy." Mwesigwa Genevieve, who captained the Uganda Girls Academy team, echoed these sentiments, expressing her excitement about the future of Ugandan Jukskei: "This was a big moment for us, and it's motivated us to work even harder. Competing on such a stage gave us new confidence."

Gold for Uganda: A Historic Win

One of the most significant moments of the tournament came when Jukskei Uganda's President, Mwiima Mwesigwa Herbert, made history by helping the South African Lilies team secure gold.

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A HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR JUKSKEI UGANDA: HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL JUKSKEI TOURNAMENT IN BUJAGALI

Playing alongside South African stars Dirk Brits, Joseph De Klerk, and Anien Heydenrych, Mwesigwa's final lay proved crucial in the Lilies' victory in a category that featured tough competition from three other South African teams—SA Bucks, SA Stars, and SA Baobab. This victory not only demonstrated the unity and cooperation between the Ugandan and South African players but also placed Uganda in the international spotlight.

Medals, Gifts, and Celebrations

The conclusion of the tournament saw every participant recognized for their efforts. A total of 120 medals were awarded: 43 gold, 40 silver, and 37 bronze. The unique aspect of the event was that every player who participated left with a medal, a gesture that celebrated participation and sportsmanship. In addition, the South African participants brought a variety of gifts for the Ugandan teams, including those from Herbar Sport, African Cry Foundation, Act Sport, Flowerland Teams, and John Paul Secondary School. The gifts were not just tokens of appreciation but a symbol of the camaraderie and goodwill fostered throughout the tournament.

The Sponsors and the Promise of the Future

The event was made possible through the generous support of Voetstoot Safaris and Ruparelia Group, with Jukskei Uganda organizing the tournament in collaboration with the International Jukskei Federation. Andries Knoetze, Director of Voetstoot Safaris, expressed his commitment to making this an annual event. "We are thrilled with how this tournament turned out, and we are excited to continue supporting Jukskei in Uganda.

We look forward to the next tournament in September 2025," he said.

The Deputy Speaker of Jinja City, Kyakuwaire Sirina, who attended the event, praised the tournament for promoting international sportsmanship and putting Uganda on the global Jukskei map. "This tournament has not only elevated Jukskei in Uganda but has also strengthened our ties with South Africa. It's an opportunity for us to grow, both in skill and reputation," she remarked.

Tinus Bernard, representing the International Jukskei Federation, was also enthusiastic about the future of Jukskei in Uganda: "This tournament has shown the great potential Uganda has. We are eager to continue our support and see how far Jukskei Uganda can go."

Reflections from the Ugandan President

Jukskei Uganda's President, Mwiima Mwesigwa Herbert, shared his reflections on the event's success. "Hosting the International Jukskei Tournament has been an extraordinary experience for us. Our players learned so much, not just from competing, but from interacting with experienced international players. This tournament has laid a strong foundation for the future of Jukskei in Uganda, and we are excited for what's to come." The three-day tournament attracted 48 players in total, with strong competition across multiple categories. As the dust settles and the medals are worn with pride, one thing is clear: Jukskei Uganda is on the rise, and the 2024 International Jukskei Tournament has been a defining moment in that journey. With future tournaments already in the works and plans for continued international collaboration, the future of Jukskei Uganda looks brighter than ever.

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UMPIRES

A STICKY TOFFEE, THIS UMPIRE BUSINESS

How many times do you think and hear that the umpires have cost us the game again?

How many times have you stand near a sandpit where you swear you could have handled the action better than the umpire?

We have good IFJ Umpires: South Africa and Namibia have some of the best international platforms to qualify as an IJFU. We produced umpires at the SA Juniors as well as at the SA Senior tournaments that took place in SA and the Namibia open championships that take place in Namibia. It's proof that the system works here with us and that we reap the benefits of it, we deliver quality umpires because the system is in place. Any young person can get involved with umpires, there is no better system than here with us. From school's leagues, club leagues and club championships or regional championships or international tournaments mention that there is an opportunity to get involved in the development of the umpires.

Speaking is Gerhard Coetzee, one of our senior umpires and a man who has walked the narrow path of successful umpire.



Umpires can make mistakes and then there is a real buzz about the decision, which in the end was interpreted correctly by the umpire. I have yet to meet an umpire who acts with malicious intent to favour or disadvantage one team against another.

We may believe, as many players does, that umpires are an indispensable annoyance, but the game of jukskei cannot exist without them. Every guy has his own mechanism to work with criticism, I haven't met a referee where criticism runs off a duck's back like water, it's difficult but is also remains a reality that we have to share with, the faster and the better you share with it the better for yourself and what you take from it to be able to do your job, one thing is for sure, if you can't process it, you're not going to be able to keep it at this level for long.

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UMPIRES

The fact is, jukseki coaches and players will constantly evolve and umpires are not ruled out.

The better a team is coached and the better they know the rules, the easier it is for me to be able to act in any sandpit. A guy tries to be firm without being belittling, but you must set the boundaries for the players so that they know that for him and his captain there is no ambiguity of what is going to happen next, and you as umpire must be fair as well.

Gerhard helps with the last words: “I believe you must realise that there will be criticism, and people are not always going to agree, you learn to deal with it. You must make the best of it, if it comes from the emotional supporters you deal with it in a certain way. You must have a lot of understanding for the person because he is emotional about his team.

I made peace with that because I understand when a guy gets angry about decisions against his team and his team loses. I also get emotional when my team loses. When the criticism comes from someone within the game, like a player or an official or a coach, you expect a more balanced opinion.

That is the message that we as umpires want to get out to the players, coaches and spectators that the right decisions are made under pressure, that I as an umpire will make sure that I shall be always consistent with my decision-making and decision.

Then there will be peace around the sandpit.

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HISTORY OF JOSEPH DE KLERK JUKSKEI PLAYING DAYS

I was born in 1953. My parents both were playing Jukskei before I was born, therefore I spend my young days alongside the Jukskei courts. I started to play when I was only 7 years old and play ever since. This is obviously in South Africa.

The team that I played with in 1975 was me, Sep van Zyl, Flip Snyman, Nick Louw and Ollie Pretorius.

Sanlam Division - Men A2
1975 Winners : Western Province



Left to Right:

Sep van Zyl,
MH Coetzee
(Manager),
Flip Snyman,
B Slabbert
(Manager),
Nick Louw, Joseph
de Klerk,
Ollie Pretorius

In 1975 I played my first Senior Tournament in Kroonstad and in 1976 I was selected for the Railway side that toured South Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Our team was Johan Hansen (S-Tvl) Sep Van Zyl (WP), myself (WP) and Dries Moolman (S-Tvl). I was very fortunate to be selected in the so-called 'Raad Span' in 1981 and eventually was selected in the Springbok side in 1984 which toured the United States of America. Our team were Hansie Grobler (East-Rand), Antoon Claasen (Vaal Triangle), Org Geringer (Free State) Willie Goosen (N-Tvl) and myself (WP).

Springbucks - 1984

Back:

Joseph de Klerk,
Org Geringer,
Antoon Claasen,
Willie Goosen

Front:

Jacques du Plessis,
Coen Brand (Manager),
Hansie Grobler



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In 1985, I was selected as Captain of the Springbok side and we toured Namibia. Our team was me (WP), Antoon Claasen (Vaal Triangle), Carl Prins (Vaal Triangle), Charl Marais (Boland) and Org Geringer (Free State).

Springbucks against Gobabis
1985



Back:

Org Geringer,
Carel Prins,
Charl Marais,
Christie Horn,
Danie van Zyl

Front:

Unknown,
Antoon Claasen,
Joseph de Klerk,
Hendrik van Zyl

Now in 2024, I had the opportunity to tour with a group of players to promote Jukskei in Uganda. The team that I played with were myself, Dirk Brits, Anien Heydenrych and the President of Uganda Jukskei Federation.

Uganda - 2024

Anien Heydenrych,
Joseph de Klerk,
Andries Knoetze,
Herbert Mwiima,
Dirk Brits



As from the above, you can see that I played Jukskei in five different countries. This was a huge opportunity and I can only thank Jukskei for the experience.

Joseph de Klerk.