

# NEWS & LETTER

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## IRRIGATION

Stewarts & Lloyds are once again official Rain Bird distributors for Turf Products. Rain Bird International has also given Stewarts & Lloyds access to Rain Bird Agricultural Products, which gives us access to be more competitive in another market segment. The first Rain Bird airfreight order has successfully been imported and distributed to the various branches, with sea and airfreight orders on the way. Dan Blake who has had a long association with Rain Bird will join the Wynberg team in July and will be doing authorized repairs on Rain Bird controllers. Dan will also be involved with controller and valve training programs. The Wynberg Irrigation Shop is up and running with Robertville in the process of starting up. Durban is in the planning phase and Cape Town is operational. The Nelspruit branch is making good inroads into the market. Hylton Frost from RBI is currently busy with Rain Bird product training at branch sales counter level. Brett Hart from Rain Bird in the Western Cape is doing the same. Rain Bird International is hosting their annual Sales Conference at Champagne Sport Resort in the Natal Drakensberg from 27 to 29 July 05. All Rain Bird Turf Distributors are invited and various S&L candidates will attend.

**LIA (Landscape Irrigation Association of South Africa)** – Various Stewarts & Lloyds candidates have successfully completed the LIA basic course on 2 July 05. Congratulations to Jannie Bredenkamp, Conrad Wendelstadt and Estefan Grove. The LIA is running their Advanced Course from 9 July 05 for the next 7 Saturdays. Stewarts & Lloyds will sponsor the venue and the braai at the end of the course.

Boosens is currently supplying a new Golf Estate Development near Rustenburg. Stephanus Fourie and Leon Erasmus designed the project from scratch and Stewarts & Lloyds was appointed the preferred supplier. The Silver Lakes Golf Course central irrigation control system has been successfully upgraded with a new state of the art Rain Bird system. Various other projects were successfully supplied. Many other designs are still on the drawing board awaiting adjudication.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### SHARPEVILLE SWIMMING POOL

by Alec Harber

An important amenity for the African community of Vereeniging has been provided by the public-spirited people of the town in the form of a swimming pool in Sharpeville, one of the very few of such projects in the country. The official opening took place on the 22nd March, 1965.

The amount of R18,000 had been raised, to which the Company of Stewarts and Lloyds gave R2,000. The Company takes a personal interest in its African staff, and of the 3,000 employed about 600 live in Sharpeville.

A matter of pride to Stewarts and Lloyds is that the pool was declared open by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor S. Fourie, past Secretary of the Company, and now a director.

The pool is of junior Olympic size 82 feet by 41 feet, with depths 3 feet to 9 feet. So popular has it proved that bathing costumes in the town were sold out. During the hot spell whilst the pool was unofficially used, the daily attendance ran to hundreds, the record being 1,100, mostly children. To allow them all to enjoy the cool water relays had to be organised.

The filter plant, change rooms and pleasant exterior are the work of the



His Worship The Mayor Cr. S. Fourie, watching the swimmers with keen interest

Town Engineer and Staff. At least 1,000 Africans and many Europeans, the latter including many important officials from Government and Municipal Departments, were there, and speeches were rendered in two native languages as well as in the two official languages.

To Round table No. 20, who had brought the idea to fruition, and to subscribers and workers, thanks were expressed, and special mention was made of the R1,600 raised by the Africans themselves by various means.

An African choir sung beautifully as only they can, and the Sharpeville Band rendered tunes. The ceremony ended with all joining in with the song "Nkosi Sikelela Afrika".



### STEWARTS & LLOYDS SOUTH WEST AFRICA 1953

#### Sharpeville Swimming Pool

We have confirmed that the swimming pool is still there, but unfortunately they are doing repairs to the pool and we couldn't get in to take photos of what it looks like today.

If anyone has any old photo's, stories or memorabilia from the old S & L days, please send it to [culiner@sltrading.co.za](mailto:culiner@sltrading.co.za) or contact Culine on 011 824 1800.



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## STEWARTS & LLOYDS ANNUAL GOLF DAY



The Stewart's & Lloyds Annual Golf Day held this year on 6 May was a resounding success. 116 Players took part & congratulations to Harry Schoeman of Zelna Trailers, a Booyens customer, who achieved a "Hole in One" on the eighth. Booyens branch and their customers had 3 teams in the first seven thus all in all it was a good day for Booyens. Loads of fun at most of the holes which were sponsored by Suppliers and Branches as can be seen at the Robertville stand. Some of the players found it a bit difficult driving of with a hockey stick!!

### STAFF ISSUES

Welcome to new appointees as follows: - Jocelyn Roberts & Bonita Rosslee at Boksburg. Melanie Richards and Conrad Wendelstadt in Springs. Chris Mitchell, Theo Potgieter, Theuns Naurattel, Leigh Holtshausen and Graeme Cox at Wynberg.

Springs Branch had 3 record months on the trot, which culminated in winning "Branch of the Month" in April and was celebrated with spouses at La Campagna Restaurant.

Boksburg Branch have entered a mixed side in the Benoni indoor cricket league and we wish them well.

### Branch Closure

Now that Wynberg 5<sup>th</sup> Street is nicely settled it was decided to consolidate the 2 Wynberg Branches under one roof, resulting in the closure of the Pretoria Road Branch.

