



WAR GAMES

War Games became a sub club in January 1989 so is one of, if not the youngest, in the family.

Since then we have become a dominant force in the world of war games. Right from the start we were competitive and pro active in all its activities. There has not been a year since inception that we have not made a significant contribution to Mind Sports in South Africa. In fact since 1989, we have won the Mind Sports South African Club Trophy no fewer than 16 times. That in itself is a tremendous record and a remarkable achievement in any sport.

Since inception, the club has been involved with developing and promoting the game of war games. The way in which the club has done this is by holding demonstrations at popular venues, and by offering a free service to schools depicting simulations of historical battles.

Part of the strategy of attracting and developing new talent is through the club championships, and three such events have been held. They have been:

1. The Old Edwardian Summer Championship started in 1992, and we have been able to attract all the top players in the country. This event is held just prior to the commencement of the new Mind Sports season so is ideally timed.
2. The Old Edwardian Winter Championship was also started in the same year. Due to the unusual nature of the rules for this event, the championship has developed a strong following among players who are more willing to take risks and attempt new strategies
3. The Old Edwardian Doubles Championship was started in 2000. This tournament is used to nurture new talent by pairing experienced players with those of less ability.

All the results of these championships can be viewed on our web site, www.oldedwardianwargames.freeservers.com/

The hard work that this sub club has put into Mind Sports has paid dividends. The first members to obtain South African colours were Colin Webster and Dr Evgenii Rabiner in 1991. Since then another 13 members have been awarded National Colours with Colin Webster having represented South Africa in 15 years out of the past 16.

Also seven Juniors have been picked for the Junior Team and two of them, Vincent Lane and Matthew Strachan have gone on to gain full South African Colours.

Our crowning achievement has been in having three World Champions.

Bernice Ligault won the women's Ancients title in 2006 and retained that title the following year. Matthew Strachan won the Ancients Junior crown in 2001 and Benjamin Shulman won the same title the following year.

A full list of those who have gained Springbok Colours and the first year these were gained is:

Grant Casey (1995): Ingo Haferung (2005): Kevin Hoyle (1999): Gregory Kupczyk (2002): Vincent Lane (2002): Bernice Ligault (2005): Richard Ligault (2003): Pavel Rabiner (1993): Dr Evgenii Rabiner (1991): Gareth Rimmington (2002): Matthew Strachan (2007): Edward van Trotsenburg (1992): Gary Waterworth (2007): Colin Webster (1991) and David Webster (1997).

Those who have represented the South African Junior Team are:

Dominic Bauer (2004): Nicholas Clare (2002): Melissa Kupczyk (2002): Vincent Lane (2000): Marc Marais (2000): Benjamin Schulman (2001) and Matthew Strachan (2001).

There is no doubt that the Old Edwardian War Games section has been a major force in the Mind Sports in South Africa and we have no doubt that our dominance will continue well into the next 100 years of the history of the Society.